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SC pulls up U'khand govt over forest land grab

A vacation bench initiated a suo motu case on Monday observing that the state remained a mute spectator while forest land was being grabbed. The case concerns 2,866 acres of forest land, a part of which was leased to Pashu Lok Seva Samiti. The society subsequently allotted land parcels to its members. A dispute later arose, and it went into liquidation in 1984, surrendering 594 acres to government. But, some individuals claimed to have taken possession of the land in 2001 | P10

US expands online review of H-1B, H4 applicants

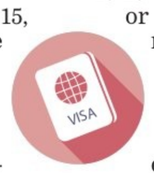
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE United States has extended online presence reviews to all H-1B and H-4 visa applicants worldwide, a move aimed at curbing work visa programme abuse but causing disruptions.

"Beginning December 15, the Department of State expanded online presence reviews to ALL H-1B and H-4 applicants as part of standard visa screening," the US Embassy in New Delhi said Monday.

"This vetting is being conducted globally for ALL applicants of ALL nationalities... while still permitting companies to hire the best of the best temporary foreign workers."

H-4 visas cover spouses and unmarried children under 21 of H-1B holders. The State Department warned of delays, encouraging applicants to "apply as early as they can".



The expanded vetting has already disrupted travel plans for Indian H-1B holders who returned home to renew visas. Dozens of visa interviews scheduled between December 15-26 were abruptly cancelled or postponed, with many rescheduled for as late as March, *The Washington Post* reported. The State Department said delays followed expanded social media screening "to ensure that no applicants... pose a threat to U.S. national security or public safety."

Immigration lawyers described the impact as severe. "This is the biggest mess we have seen. I'm not sure there is a plan," Indian immigration lawyer Veena Vijay Ananth told *The Washington Post*.

B'desh halts visa to Indians

National Citizen Party leader Motaleb Sikdar shot at, further stoking pre-poll tension

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

Motaleb Sikdar

Bangladesh's Editors' Council protests the mob attack on *Prothom Alo* and *The Daily Star* in Dhaka, on Monday | AFP

THE Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi on Monday suspended all visa and consular services for Indians, as political violence and protests continued to roil the country less than two months ahead of parliamentary elections scheduled for February 12.

Its Assistant High Commission in Agartala had suspended visa services on Sunday after protests by the Tipra Motha Party and others outside the mission. Visa services run by a private operator on Bangladesh's behalf in Siliguri, West Bengal, were also halted following protests. No timeline was given for the resumption of services, amid heightened diplomatic and security sensitivities.

The suspension comes two days after a group of around 20-25 protesters demonstrated outside the Bangladesh mission in Delhi, condemning the killing of Dipu Chandra Das, a garment worker in Mymensingh, and demanding protection for minorities in Bangladesh.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had on Sunday said "there was no attempt to breach the fence or create a security situation at any time," adding the police dispersed the group within minutes. Days after the killing of prominent youth leader Sharif Osman Bin Hadi, another political activist was attacked on Monday. Motaleb Sikdar, Khulna divisional chief of the National Citizen Party (NCP), was shot in the head in Khulna and is undergoing treatment. The attack has intensified fears of targeted violence and political unrest.

Hadi, 32, was the founder of Inqilab Moncho, a platform that emerged from last year's mass protests against then PM Sheikh Hasina, which culminated in her ouster. He had announced plans to contest the February 12 elections and was campaigning in Dhaka when he was shot earlier this month.

His death triggered widespread protests, with supporters alleging that the assailants fled to India and demanding their arrest. Police, however, said there is no clarity on the suspects' whereabouts. Inqilab Moncho issued an ultimatum, threatening to launch a movement to oust the interim administration if justice is not delivered in Hadi's murder. "The deadline has passed without any visible steps from the authorities," said Abdullah Al Jaber, a leader of the platform.

Bangladesh's interim leadership convened a high-level meeting to review law and order. Meanwhile, Indian student bodies urged Delhi to ensure the safety of Indian nationals.

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New Zealand joins FTA list, fastest deal so far

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IN one of the fastest trade negotiations in recent times, India New Zealand on Monday concluded a free trade agreement (FTA) in just nine months, offering duty-free access for Indian goods to the island nation's markets. India has sealed seven free trade pacts since 2014. The FTA with New Zealand is the third in the year so far. India has been looking to explore new markets ever since US President Trump imposed 50% tariff on goods.

On Monday, PM Narendra Modi held a phone conversation with New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon after which they announced the conclusion of what they described as the "historic, ambitious and mutually beneficial" pact.

Earlier, New Zealand imposed peak tariffs of up to 10% on key Indian exports. Now, 100% of India's current exports will get tariff-free access to the New Zealand market. P13

In a Kerala shrine rests relic of real-life 'Santa'

RENJITH LEEN @ Kochi

AS the Yuletide spirit fills the air, posters, cutouts, and dolls of Santa Claus appear everywhere, heralding the season of love and sharing.

However, not many may know that Santa, the most popular symbol of Christmas, is inspired from and modelled after St Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop from Myra in ancient Turkey, who was known for his generosity and secret gift-giving. Some may even find it hard to believe that the real-life Santa has a Kerala connection.

The reliquary containing the relic

For more than a century, Pampakuda, a sleepy village located 35 km away from Ernakulam, has been home to a relic of St Nicholas. Barring residents, not many are aware that the modest wayside shrine at Pampakuda in front of St John's Ephesus Orthodox Church is home to six priceless relics, one of which is a fragment of the remains of St Nicholas.

"St Geevarghese Mar Gregorios, aka Parumala Thirumeni, brought the relics to Pampakuda after visiting the Holy Land in 1895. He wished to gift them to his tutor, Konat Geevarghese Malpan. Upon learning that his beloved guru had passed away while he was overseas, St Gregorios gifted the relics to Fr. Konat Mathen, who was the Malpan (teacher) at the time. My grandfather, Konat Mathen Malpan, was instrumental in enshrining the relics near the wayside cross. Later, a proper shrine was built, and the reliquaries were enshrined there," said the priest whose family had several illustrious Syriac scholars.

Fr Konat explained that the relics were gifted to St Gregorios by the Metropolitan of Jerusalem.

Man murders pregnant daughter for marrying a Dalit in Hubballi

Manya & Vivekananda

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

IN a case of honour killing, a man, along with his two brothers, murdered his pregnant daughter at Inam Virapur village in Hubballi taluk on Sunday night. Both the girl, Manya, 20, and her baby died in the attack. Her husband Vivekananda was away from home during the attack. His parents, who were at home, suffered injuries. The Hubballi Rural police arrested the girl's father, Prakash Gouda, and his brothers Iranna and Arun, who are Lingayats. Vivekananda's parents said Prakash with two others barged into the house and started attacking them with iron rods and weapons. P7

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Sunset 05.59 pm
Moonrise 09.10 am
Moonset 08.52 pm

Homes razed, Kogilu residents out in cold

● 300 families struggle without toilets, shelter ● Minister promises help but rebuilding their lives will be huge task

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

A new mother is struggling to keep her a month-old baby warm. Menstruating girls are forced to change sanitary pads in a make-shift tent. A stroke-victim with half of his body paralysed, is lying on a bed facing the sky. These are some of the heart-wrenching scenes one could get to see at the demolished slum at Kogilu, near Yelahanka.

On Saturday, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) had razed over 160 slum homes leaving 300 families homeless.

Ansari Khatoon, a new mother who got discharged from the hospital with her 25-day-old baby girl, said that like the officials, the freezing weather was punishing. With her breastfed child, she along with her husband and brothers, managed to put up a make shift tent a few meters away from their dilapidated house.

"They came (marshals) pulled us out, and just razed the house built with cement blocks. My husband and brothers are on daily wages. As we build the temporary home, we are forced to live at the mercy of donors. I am more concerned about my baby wrapped in a blanket in the make-shift tent as the cold is unbearable", Ansari told *TNIE*.

Shakina, a widow who earns her living by working as a housekeeper at a private company, complained that there is no place for her menstruating daughter to change her pads. She questioned where she would go with her 12-year-old daughter and expressed severe concerns over the safety of her daughter.

Arifullah, who is in his 30s, has been bedridden since 2024 after a stroke and has been taken care by his aged mother Hussain Bi. Arifullah is lying on a bed, facing the sky at the Government Urdu School building premise. His mother, in a slurred speech, was seen requesting the visitors to the school to help them with food, water, medicine and blankets.

Civil society groups that are helping the dwellers fear health issues among the displaced.

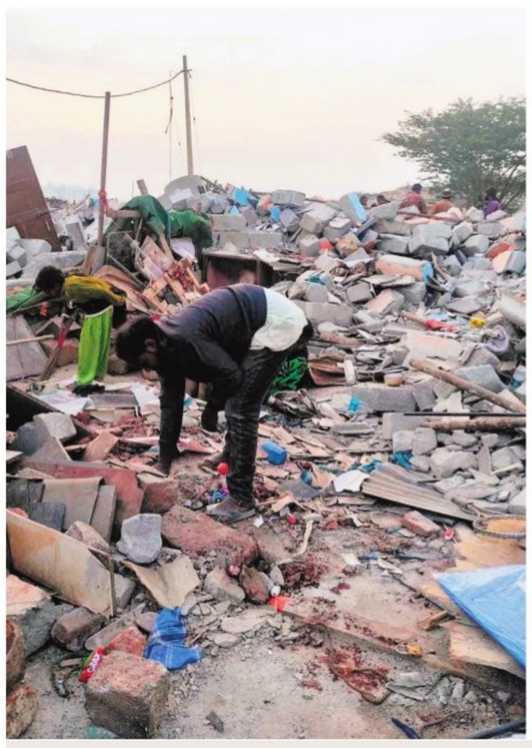
"The girls have to take care of personal hygiene due to the monthly cycle, women need to change clothes, and all need washrooms, and all these things have been deprived since Saturday," said Kokila, a social activist.

The dwellers, along with civic society members, held a protest before the Revenue Minister's house on Sunday, following which the minister held a meeting with some of the residents on Monday. The activists and some members who attended the meeting say that the minister has said that he will hold talks with GBA and the Deputy Commissioner. A source close to the minister said that he will talk to the Housing Minister over the issue and try to accommodate the deserving ones under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited.

R Kaleemullah, National Executive Member, Swaraj India, said many aged persons have been suffering from co-morbidities, and after displacement, their condition will worsen. "The Revenue Minister justified the demolition by citing examples of encroachment by influential persons and reclamation of it by the government in the past. However, in this case, the minister said he will have a meeting with the GBA and the revenue department, and said efforts will be made to transfer the land back to the revenue department. He mentioned that homes for the poor will be rebuilt in three months and said that since the files have to move from different departments, there will be some delay."

"Since the minister has given three months to arrange shelter, the government should give free food and also ensure ambulance services during health emergencies," he said.

Shaik Khader Basha, leader representing the Fakir community here, said they are now trying to build temporary dwelling units, and a few good Samaritans are helping them. Syed Shahbaz, a social worker from Hegde Nagar along with 15-member team, has installed over 25 bamboo poles and is working to provide power supply, mainly lights, in the area.



Clockwise from left: A resident looks to salvage valuables from the debris of their homes; Hussain Bi now has nowhere to take her bedridden son Arifullah; Ansari Khatoon, a new mother, braves cold nights in a makeshift tent along with her 25-day-old baby; its a bleak future for both kids and adults | EXPRESS

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Kids miss classes as school becomes temporary shelter

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT Urdu Lower Primary School in Fakir Layout has been turned into a temporary shelter for the evictees after the GBA's demolition drive on Saturday.

As the sun sets and cold creeps in on the third day without homes, people try to cover themselves with blankets, get back in a makeshift tent that has been put up right in front of the school building. One can see cots, cupboards, heaps of clothes, a broken washing machine, luggage bags and tarpaulin lying on the floor.

Neha, a Class 5 student, said, "I don't know if I will ever be able to return to school because our homes are destroyed and if my parents move from here in search of jobs and homes, then I need to go along with them."

Salman (28), a fakir, seeks alms while singing on streets. He said, "I have two daughters and a son. Two of them attend the Government Urdu School. My daughter is in Class 3, son is in LKG. Since Saturday, they have been missing classes, trying to help me and my wife gather our things that were lost."

Zaitum Bi, now homeless, said, "I have five grandchildren and three of them go to the Urdu school, two of them are attending Prema Kannada Higher Primary School. They are in distress and haven't been able to attend classes for more than two days. Probably this entire week will be lost in searching for a proper place to stay, water to drink and place to cook our own food."

Nandini, a volunteer with Dudiyo Karmikara Vedike, has been helping the fakir community in terms of finding employment, health and education. She said that due to poverty and lack of basic facilities, education is yet to become a priority among the family of fakirs and their kids.

She said, "There are at least 500 children. We run a programme, Post-School Learning, for two hours every day in the evening. Around 20 children from the Fakir Colony come here to play and learn. For now, the programme is on hold since Saturday as we have to focus on providing them with basic facilities like food and arranging a temporary shelter in this cold weather so that they can sleep safely."

BOOST TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Metro network will span 175km by Dec '27: DCM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday said by December 2027, 175 km of the city's Metro network will become operational, including the under construction airport line along with the much delayed Pink Line's commissioning.

Speaking to reporters after a review meeting with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL), the DCM said, "Our government is working towards easing traffic congestion in the city. Currently, 96 km of Metro network is operational. We will increase the Metro network by 41 km in 2026 and additional 38 km, including the Airport line by December 2027. With this, Bengaluru will have a Metro network of 175 km. We have plans to extend the Metro line to Tavarekere, Hosakote, Bidadi and Nelamagala. A detailed project report (DPR) is being prepared for this."

On Metro Phase-3, he said tenders will be called next month for 100 km of the network, including the double decker corridor. "We have expedited the project to ease traffic congestion in the city. We have instructed officials to create commercial activity near Metro stations by acquiring more land. Parking will also be made available at Metro stations," he added. "The projected cost of Phase-3 of Namma Metro is Rs 25,311 crore. We are financing Rs 15,600 crore for the project through JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). The tender for works to of Rs 9,700 crore will be called in January," he said.

Clarifying that the entire Phase-3 will feature a double decker elevated corridor, he said, "We have also decided to make the Magadi Road stretch a double decker project as vehicular traffic from Hassan comes via Magadi Road."

Tunnel Road tender bids

On reports of Adani being the lowest bidder for the Tunnel Road Project, Shivakumar said, "I haven't received complete information on this. I can't comment on it until bids are officially revealed."

To a query about the lowest bid amount being much higher than the original estimates, he said, "The government is not paying any money to the bidder. The bidder has to invest in the project and we will give them only 40% of our estimates. I got the cost of the Metro from Mumbai. They are spending Rs 1,200 crore per km."

Pink Line prototype train reaches depot

The six-coach prototype train for Namma Metro's much-awaited Pink Line was shifted from the BEML Rail Complex to the Kothanur depot on Monday, according to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL). The train set travelled nearly 20 km and was transported during night hours. Following its arrival, BMRCL will begin inspection bay checks and conduct mainline trials to evaluate the performance and safety of the rolling stock. The Pink Line is planned to be commissioned in phases by the end of 2026.

Yellow Line to get its sixth train today

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has announced that a sixth train will be inducted into service on the Yellow Line on Tuesday. With the addition, peak-hour train frequency on the corridor will improve to 13 minutes from Monday to Saturday, compared to the existing 15-minute interval. On Sundays, peak-hour services will continue to operate at a 15-minute frequency. BMRCL clarified that there will be no change in the first and last train timings from both terminals – RV Road and Bommasandra.

EXPRESS READ

Properties of tax defaulters sealed

Bengaluru: East City Corporation officials sealed nearly a dozen properties of tax defaulters on Monday. As per Dakshayini, commercial buildings, including the offices of the Bank of Maharashtra and SBI, a PG accommodation and a restaurant were sealed over lakhs of tax dues. A PG was fined Rs 50,000 for not maintaining cleanliness.

300 km of SWD buffer road to be built in 1st phase

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DEPUTY Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said the construction of the 5.5-km buffer road from Koramangala to Sarjapur will be completed by March next year. The DCM inspected the construction work of the 'Sachara Yukta Project', including buffer roads along stormwater drains, here on Monday.

Terming the construction of buffer roads as a historic intervention, Shivakumar said, "To ease traffic congestion in Bengaluru, we are constructing roads in the buffer zones of stormwater drains and lakes in the city. In the first phase, 300 km of buffer roads will be constructed in Rajarajeswari Nagar, ITPL and other areas."

He said that a buffer road will start from MG Road and go up to Bellandur, cutting through the defence land and that this would reduce a 10-km journey as the public need not go around the military area.

Shivakumar said heavy vehicles like buses and lorries would not be allowed on the buffer roads, as there should not be any road collapse due to heavy vehicle movement. "School vans, two-wheelers and cars will be allowed," he said.

He said Transferable Development Rights (TDR) would be given to landowners, whose land would be acquired for construction.

DCM DK Shivakumar inspects Sachara Yukta Project work in Bengaluru on Monday

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

23rd December : No Solo Acts Venus square Neptune suggests the isolation we sometimes feel is an illusion. Even when we work alone, we're interacting with timing, other people's choices, external opportunities, synchronicities, our subconscious, our past efforts and much more. You're invited to stop thinking you must manufacture everything by sheer force. This is an ecosystem.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Fairness matters, but life is sometimes too tangled to sort out perfectly. Today calls for decisiveness, not deliberation. Take the quick, clean action you know is needed, trusting that details will settle into a larger kind of justice.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Silences are your playground today. If other people want to rush to fill them, let them. As for you, the pause is your friend. Quietness increases your presence. Stillness makes you magnetic.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Accept attention without performing for it. If someone is drawn to you, let them be drawn. You don't expand or shrink to match their interest. You stay yourself. This is star energy: You do not chase. You glow in place.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
A project or relationship will seem to reset like a game that goes back to zero with each play. You're wiser and more skilled for the hours you've already put in, so have fun with the fresh chance to rack up points.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
The performer isn't always in the mood for the spotlight, but stepping into the costume, hearing the cue and walking onto the stage flips a switch inside them. You'll be applauded for something today, and it's all because you donned the costume and got out there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
When you decide to let go of a grievance, it won't be because you're doing the other person a favor. Grudges are heavy baggage to harbor. When you drop it, you'll be lighter and laugh. Then comes a small miracle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Reading is acquiring knowledge rather easily from others who learned the hard way. Of course, you still have to apply that knowledge to activate it. And you'll do this today, putting to good use the lessons distilled from another person's long road.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
All feelings have something to teach. Defensiveness, for instance, can teach you where the truth is – or teach you what's partially true, or believed to be true. No one is defensive unless there's a vulnerability or something valued to protect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You're recognizing a pattern, and how it makes you feel is significant. Sometimes you need time to sit with your feelings, because it's not exactly clear what to do next. It's OK to do nothing for a moment. Just catch your breath.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
That little inner ping of feeling is your inner compass pointing at something important. There's something or someone in your orbit right now that is worth pursuing, and your body already knows it. Pull the thread. It's leading somewhere good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You learned something that seemed specific to one situation is in fact extremely transferable to other areas of life. It might even feel as though you're no longer a beginner at anything you pick up today, so strong is your footing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Sometimes you only want a thing vaguely, like a fantasy you wouldn't really go after. But now you want something specifically, precisely and with intention. Watch out, world, here you come.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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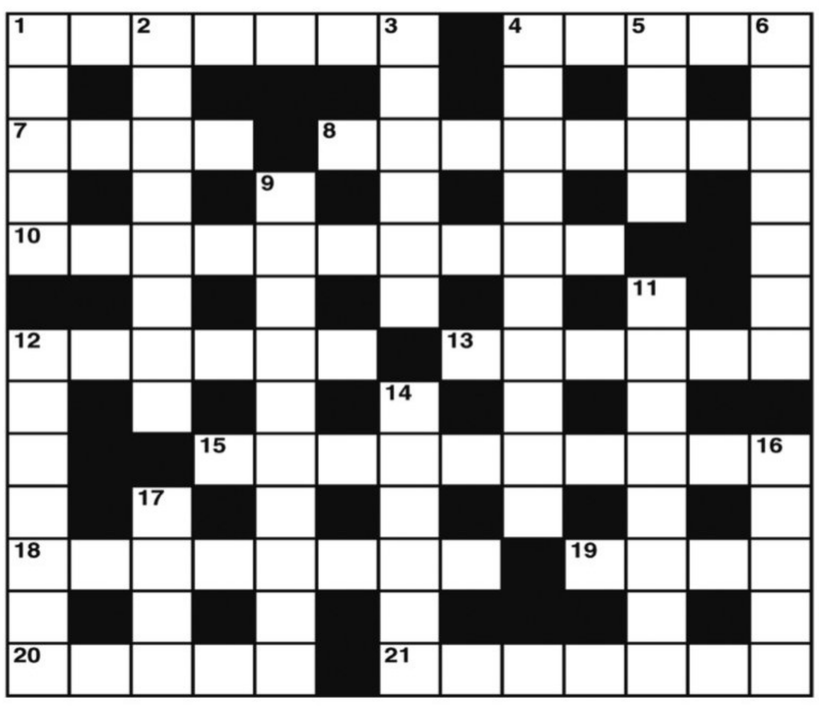

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Reckoning to sound like an aristocrat (7)
4 Presumed a large number read badly (5)
7 Loss from a strike (4)
8 Legal man rings the changes on treaty (8)
10 Possessed their scaly form (10)
12 The first French composer to go abroad perhaps (6)
13 This form of cure is something advised by doctors (6)
15 Travelling drama director? (5,5)
18 He won't be so successful in the long run (8)
19 Figure it may have to be filled in (4)
20 Composer right off his evening meal (5)
21 Slices meat on board (7)

DOWN

1 A desire to write a letter (5)
2 French food comes from locals we gather (8)
3 Two birds not the tern make a tasty morsel (6)
4 Commit gaffe by not including a local guy (4,1,5)
5 Turn out to be the smallest of the litter (4)
6 Tide may change between sunrise and sunset (7)
9 A sorry state (10)
11 Dress overall a tuneful ship (8)
12 Staff of office? (7)
14 A long time coming round again but consents (6)
16 Carries as on a camel (5)
17 Some come up for gin (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Enlargement, 9 Ontario, 10 Chill, 11 Dusk, 12 Striking, 14 Orator, 16 Taught, 18 Passport, 19 Idea, 22 Norse, 23 Epitaph, 24 Interesting.

Down: 2 Notes, 3 Awry, 4 Grotto, 5 Michigan, 6 Nailing, 7 Good company, 8 Flight paths, 13 Complete, 15 Also ran, 17 Greece, 20 Drawn, 21 Mint.

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BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Aren't you going to check the foundation?
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEVEL FORCE SPRAWL VANISH
Answer: The tennis balls at the courts were — SELF-SERVE

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Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said that several states are looking to replicate the five guarantee schemes being implemented by the Congress State Government owing to its significant appeal and effectiveness

CBI arrests DySP, kin of ex-MP over realtor suicide

Former lawmaker Audikesavulu's children and victim had disputes over property

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THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday arrested the children of former Andhra Pradesh MP, the late **DK Audikesavulu**— DA Srinivas and DA Kalpaja— along with Deputy Superintendent of Police, State Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Karnataka, SY Mohan, in cases registered by CBI relating to "criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery of valuable security, forgery of government stamps and seals as well as destruction of evidences and creation of false evidences, the Central agency said on Monday.

The agency had registered the cases on the order of the Karnataka High Court in matters related to the death of K Raghunath (a realtor and close confidante of Audikesavulu, who owned huge properties in Bengaluru and other places) as well as other connected forgery cases, which were

Initially it was investigated by the state police before being handed over to the CBI in September 2022 on the direction of the Karnataka High Court. In April this year, the Supreme Court had upheld the Karnataka High Court direction for a CBI probe into the mysterious death of Raghunath in 2019. The latter was found hanging from the ceiling of a guesthouse on May 4, 2019 reportedly owned by Srinivas.

"The arrested accused Srinivas, Kalpaja and Mohan shall be produced before the jurisdictional court after medical examination," added the CBI.

The case relates to the death of former MP Audikesavulu, who was also a former chairperson of TTD, in 2013 after which disputes arose between his children and Raghunath regarding the ownership of some of the former's properties.

While Raghunath maintained that he is the genuine owner of the properties, Audikesavulu's children pressured him to return the properties they claimed were bought by their father. In 2019, Raghunath was found hanging from the ceiling of a guesthouse. Raghunath's wife Manjula and son Rohith alleged that he was killed and sought a CBI probe. The case was initially investigated by the HAL police. Later, the government constituted an SIT. The trial court rejected the SIT probe for shoddy investigation. In September 2022, the HC transferred the case to CBI. The same was upheld by the Supreme Court in April this year.

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Central Bureau of Investigation

CHRISTMASSY FEEL

Ahead of Christmas and New Year, the famous St Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar stands illuminated | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Uber and Ola integrate Namma 112 feature in apps

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IN a move aimed at strengthening commuter safety, Bengaluru City Police (BCP) has partnered with cab aggregators Uber and Ola to integrate emergency response technology directly into their mobile applications. Under the new system, emergency call facilities have been embedded within the Uber and Ola apps, allowing riders and drivers to seek immediate assistance during distress situations. With a single tap, users can now share real-time location data, trip details, and contact information directly with the city police's 112 emergency response infrastructure.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said the seamless flow of critical information enables quicker police access during emergencies, facilitating faster response times and potentially life-saving interventions by first responders. He said the initiative is a significant step towards leveraging technology partnerships to ensure safer urban mobility and improved public safety. A senior police officer explained that users need to click on the blue shield icon on the booking application, which directs them to safety tools. From there, they can select Namma 112, where a "swipe to call" option appears. This au connects the user to the Namma 112 emergency command centre, along with their live location and contact details.

Following this, the nearest patrol vehicle will be dispatched. The integration eliminates the need for manual location sharing or separate phone calls, ensuring that help can be dispatched swiftly and accurately.

PROBE ON

Biryani outing horror: Gang abducts 4 sudents, extorts ₹1.8 lakh

RAKSHITH GOWDA
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AN early morning biryani meal trip to Hoskote took a dramatic turn for a group of four college students, who were allegedly abducted and extorted by a gang of seven or eight men on Sunday. The incident took place near Hoskote toll plaza in Medahalli.

Police said four students, studying at a reputed degree college in Bagalur, had travelled to Hoskote on two two-wheelers to have biryani. After the meal, as they were returning to the city, they were intercepted by the gang near the toll plaza. An argument reportedly broke out, following which the accused abducted the students after taking away their mobile phones and two-wheelers. Taking the students hostage, the accused demanded money and transferred Rs 1.8 lakh from the victims' mobile phones to different accounts through UPI. They demanded additional cash and called the students' friends, police said.

Sensing danger, the victims' friends alerted the nearest police station. Police launched a search operation using mobile location tracking and other technical clues. On realising the police were closing in, the accused abandoned the students and fled. The students were later rescued and a complaint was filed at Avalahalli police station.

DCP (Whitefield division) K Parashurama said one of the suspects has been arrested, and efforts are under way to trace the remaining accused involved in the crime. A source said the arrested was identified as Arfath Ahmed (24), a resident of KG Halli.

'Celebrate Responsibly' campaign ahead of NY

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AHEAD of New Year celebrations, Bengaluru City Police on Monday launched a QR code and social media campaign titled 'Celebrate Responsibly' to encourage citizens to welcome the New Year with awareness, care and safety.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh told the media that all senior officers are preparing for New Year celebrations across the city. He appealed to the public to celebrate responsibly and with caution. The police are fully prepared with additional patrolling, emergency response units and support systems, and have requested residents of Bengaluru to extend full cooperation and follow the guidelines and advisories issued by police.

Bengaluru City Police on Monday launched a social media campaign titled 'Celebrate Responsibly' | KEVIN NASHON

Special drives will be conducted against drunk driving. Metro services will be extended to enable the public to return home safely during late hours. The number of buses, autorickshaws and cabs will also be increased on New Year's Eve.

The Commissioner noted that women's safety remains a top priority for the department. To provide immediate assistance in crowded and sensitive areas, citizens are encouraged to download the KSP app and use its SOS features. To ensure women's safety, special deployments have been made with a large number of women officers and staff, including the special Chennamma Squad. A wide CCTV camera network will be installed, and surveillance carried out using advanced technology, he added.

A QR code will be displayed at public places containing guidelines for New Year celebrations and traffic advisories, along with links to multiple Bengaluru City Police-related resources. The website will also provide regular updates on arrangements and advisories related to New Year's Eve celebrations.

Man kills wife, tries to pass it off as road accident, held

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A 64-year-old man was arrested on Monday morning for allegedly killing his wife, a government school teacher, on Saturday afternoon and trying to pass it as a road accident.

The victim has been identified as Gayathri, 55, a resident of Mittiganahalli. She was a physical education teacher. Her husband Ananth is a retired private firm employee. The victim's daughter is a college student. According to police, the couple fought over family matters frequently. Ananth hatched a plot to kill Gayathri a few days ago. He took her to Bagalur on Saturday on the pretext of cleaning his site there. He allegedly killed her by smashing her head with a stone. He then convinced passersby that his two-wheeler was hit by a motorcycle. His wife, who was riding pillion, fell off the two-wheeler and the motorcycle ran over her.

Ananth later called 108 ambulance services and shifted Gayathri to the government hospital in Yelahanka. The doctors there declared that Gayathri was brought dead to the hospital. As it was a medico-legal case, the doctors informed the jurisdictional traffic police.

The traffic police, who went to the mortuary, suspected it to be a murder. They alerted Bagaluru police, who took the accused into custody.

During interrogation, the accused claimed to have killed his wife as he was unable to bear her harassment. Accusing his wife of threatening to kill him by poisoning, Ananth stated that he tried to divorce her, but couldn't, a police officer said.

An SMD initiative

SPIRITUAL FULFILMENT

KIIT Nanhi Pari's Silver Flight

The Bhagavad Gita speaks of four paths to spiritual fulfilment: Karma Yoga (the path of action), Jnana Yoga (the path of knowledge), Bhakti Yoga (the path of devotion), and Raja Yoga (the path of meditation). I have always believed myself to be a Karma Yogi, finding purpose through selfless action and service.

My professional journey has traversed multiple domains—education, healthcare, tribal empowerment, sports, media, art, cinema, literature, and spiritualism. Each area of contribution has underlined a fundamental truth that genuine transformation occurs when we move beyond celebrating past achievements and remain focused on emerging possibilities. I have dedicated myself to community outreach initiatives like Art of Giving, Kanya Kiran, Kalinga Fellowship, India Against Negativity, Education for All, New Minds New Dreams, Health Empowerment of Rural Odisha, and KIIT Kares, besides my regular work.

Among my various endeavors, KIIT Nanhi Pari holds particular significance as the oldest continuous program. Twenty-five years ago, social worker Mr. Malay Mohapatra approached me with a compelling vision to create a platform where adolescent girls could explore their inherent capabilities. The ancient Sanskrit text Manusmriti articulates a profound principle: "Yatra naryastu pujyante ramante tatra devata□," meaning where women receive honor, divinity manifests. With zero registration fees and complete institutional support for transportation, lodging, meals, and professional training, we ensured that every participant, irrespective of socioeconomic background, could recognize her legitimate place in this forum. Thus began Nanhi Pari, and the rest is history.

Today, KIIT Nanhi Pari functions as India's most comprehensive talent platform for girls aged 13 to 16. Over 15,000 participants have engaged with the program across 25 years, with over 5,000 registrations received this year alone. This Silver Jubilee edition to be held on December 22-23, brings together 35 finalists from auditions conducted in 25 cities nationwide, with the Grand Finale extending across three days in Bhubaneswar under complete institutional sponsorship. However, quantitative measures represent only partial outcomes. Ms. Snigdha Malviya, our 2023 winner from Uttar Pradesh, articulates how Nanhi Pari fundamentally altered her self-perception, while Ms. Dilishaa Behera, crowned in 2024, discovered previously unrecognized capacities within herself.

What distinguishes KIIT Nanhi Pari from comparable initiatives is our fundamental rejection of reductionist approaches to young women's assessment. Our ten categories acknowledge diverse forms of excellence: Miss Whizkid recognizes intellectual achievement, Miss Active celebrates athletic capability, Miss Urvashi honors multifaceted talent, and Miss Personality rewards cognitive acuity and communication proficiency. Each category deliberately communicates that individual worth transcends singular metrics of evaluation. The financial commitment reflects our institutional priorities, with this year's prize pool totalling Rs 56 lakhs, unprecedented in our history. The winner receives Rs 28 lakhs, while the first and second runners-up receive Rs 14 lakhs and Rs 12 lakhs respectively. Each category winner receives Rs 20,000.

KIIT Nanhi Pari integrates with our broader developmental framework, including programs such as Kanya Kiran and Kalinga Fellowship. Societies are measured not by the monuments we build but by the confidence we instill in our daughters. Over the years, KIIT Nanhi Pari has demonstrated that when young women receive resources, recognition, and belief, they redefine what success means. When a thirteen-year-old girl from a remote district walks onto the stage, she carries with her the dreams of countless women who came before her and the possibilities of generations yet to come. I believe every girl arrives with wings; society's responsibility is not to grant flight but to remove the weights that prevent it. KIIT Nanhi Pari does not shape exceptional young women; it reveals the light they have always carried. India's daughters were never powerless - they only awaited belief. KIIT Nanhi Pari and I dare to offer that belief.

The writer is the Founder of KIIT, KISS & KIMS

Prof. Achyuta Samanta

- **KIIT Nanhi Pari as a transformative platform: For 25 years, it has empowered girls aged 13–16 across India by recognizing diverse forms of excellence beyond conventional beauty or academic metrics, enabling over 15,000 participants to discover confidence, capability, and self-belief.**
- **Inclusive vision backed by institutional commitment: With zero participation cost, nationwide reach, full sponsorship, and an unprecedented ₹56-lakh prize pool in its Silver Jubilee year, KIIT Nanhi Pari reflects a deep, values-driven commitment to girls' empowerment irrespective of socioeconomic background.**
- **A philosophy of belief and liberation: Rooted in Karma Yoga and the conviction that girls already possess inherent potential, KIIT Nanhi Pari removes social and psychological barriers, proving that societal progress is measured by the confidence and opportunities extended to its daughters.**

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The Champion team pictured with N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons & Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd.(TMPVL), Shailesh Chandra, MD & CEO, TMPVL, alongside the newly launched Tata Sierra—an icon reimagined. The event was held to commemorate the ceremonial handover of the Tata Sierra to each team member (players and their support staff) of the Indian Women's cricket team.

Taking Karnataka Milk Federation officials to task for allegedly purchasing huge quantities of maize through middlemen, former minister and JDS MLA HD Revanna urged the State Government to direct the federation to purchase directly from farmers

Only those who make provocative speech oppose Hate Speech Bill: CM

The law would apply equally to members of all political parties, reiterates Siddaramaiah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that only those who indulge in provocative and hate speech are opposing the Hate Speech Prevention Bill. Speaking to the media in Mysuru on Monday, the CM asserted that there is no question of registering cases against anyone who does not engage in such acts.

Siddaramaiah questioned the BJP's opposition to the proposed legislation.

Responding to allegations by the BJP that the Hate Speech Prevention Bill has been drafted to target specific individuals or groups, Siddaramaiah clarified that the law would apply equally to members of all political parties.

"Why is the BJP alone opposing it? Does hate speech help maintain peace in society?" he asked and added that the Bill aims to protect peace and fraternity.

He said incidents of hate speech have increased in recent times, making such legislation necessary. He alleged that the BJP's strong opposition stems from its own engagement in hate speech.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has breakfast at the famous Mylari Hotel in Mysuru on Monday | EXPRESS

Responding to the allegations that funds under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme were misappropriated, Siddaramaiah said there was no scope for misuse as the money is transferred directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts. He clarified that payments for February and March had not yet been released and assured that they would be reviewed and disbursed.

Reacting to AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's statement that no individual is bigger than the party, Siddaramaiah said it was a fact that must be accepted. "No one can be bigger than the party," he said.

'Leadership change is high command decision'

On speculation about a possible leadership change in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah said the matter rests entirely with senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and the party high command. "We are committed to whatever decision they take," the chief minister said, adding that he had already discussed the issue with party leaders. When asked about preparations for the state budget, the CM said details would be shared at an appropriate time.

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> Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Chief Minister

'Expert' Siddu should become Trump's economic adviser: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikkamagaluru

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy tastes coffee at the centenary celebrations of Central Coffee Research Institute at Balehonnur on Monday | PIC: X

UNION Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel HD Kumaraswamy on Monday said that the Congress government has failed to address people's issues, especially that of farmers, in the state. He said the Congress leadership is mired in leadership tussle, providing only free entertainment to people.

He was speaking to reporters in Balehonnur before attending the closing function of the Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) centenary celebrations.

"Siddaramaiah boasts he has presented record number of budgets. US President Donald Trump is weak in economics and struggling to expand tariffs across the world. Financial expert Siddaramaiah may go to the US to rescue Trump from crisis," Kumaraswamy quipped.

"I have come by road to Balehonnur though my health is not good. CM Siddaramaiah takes helicopter to reach Malavalli and Chamarajanagar though it is only a 30-minute road trip. It is learnt that the CM has spent Rs 47 crore for helicopter rides. He, however, brags he has done much for the development of the state," said Kumaraswamy, a former CM.

Kumaraswamy said he was aware that both the CM and the Deputy CM are busy with preparations for the budget. He added that the DCM is confident about the god's prediction of his becoming the CM and the CM insisting that he will present the next three budgets.

He said the Congress was not allowing oposition members to speak in the Assembly. He asked where how was Rs 5,000 crore meant for Gruha Laksmhi scheme for February and March spent.

He added that he would come out with details of the government's corruption at an appropriate time.

CM, Deputy CM will abide by brass' decision, says Pilot

Congress leader Sachin Pilot addresses the media in Bengaluru on Monday.DCM DK Shivakumar looks on | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PLAYING down the power tussle in the Congress government in Karnataka, AICC General Secretary and former Rajasthan DCM Sachin Pilot on Monday said that both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who were working like brothers, will abide by the party high command's decision as bringing the party back to power in 2028 is paramount.

"Tell me which leader of the party, whether it is the chief minister or Pradesh Congress Committee president, has said they will not abide by the party high command's decision. The decision is acceptable to every Congress worker in the state. We are working to make sure that we deliver on our promises and win the state again in 2028 with a still greater majority," he told reporters at the KPCC office here.

"When Shivakumar called CM Siddaramaiah his elder brother, and Siddaramaiah says he (Shivakumar) is my younger brother, that settles the matter," he said. "When everything is left to the Congress high command, the party will decide whatever it has to. Our collective objective is to strengthen the Congress across the country, including Karnataka."

"Let me tell you that the Karnataka government has functioned with full integrity and dedication. Whatever promises we made as a party before polls, we are fulfilling all of them. We are working strongly, and I can assure you that in 2028, the Congress party will come back with a thumping majority," he said.

Pilot ignored the query by a reporter that a parallel had been drawn between him, as he had missed the CM's post held by senior leader Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan, and Shivakumar who is aspiring for the same post in Karnataka.

Prevail upon SC to review decision on Aravalli: Pilot to Centre

AICC general secretary Sachin Pilot urged the Centre to prevail upon the Supreme Court to review its decision to exclude the hills below 100 m from the legal definition of Aravalli range. "We will have to urge Supreme Court to reconsider its decision because Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi are ruled by BJP. NDA government at the Centre is also led by BJP. When there are four engines working together, they should urge the court to provide protection and ensure that desertification stops, pollution stops, and our biodiversity is protected," he said addressing reporters here. Pilot said, "Our entire ecology will be disturbed. Aravalli range provides protection to the entire NCR. If we allow illegal mining to continue, what will we leave behind for our future generations?" He said that he will join a protest march in Jaipur on December 26 to be organised by NSUI and the Congress to protect the Aravalli range. "The government has been completely exposed on the Aravalli issue. The direction in which it is moving makes it clear that it has no responsibility to protect our mountain ranges. If we allow destruction of the Aravalli range, who will be held accountable?... The government is going to court and accepting things that lead to the end of the Aravalli range. We oppose that," he said.

VB-G RAM G undermines core concept of rural employment, says Priyank, CT Ravi hits back

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POLITICALLY, Karnataka remains deeply polarised over the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission -- Gramin (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025, which officially replaces the 20-year-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act -- MGNREGA.

Rural Development Minister Priyank Kharge said it goes far beyond a mere renaming of the scheme. "MGNREGA has not just been renamed, but the framework built around the right to livelihoods has been repealed," he said. He stressed that the changes would render the programme unsustainable and undermine the core concept of a rights-based rural employment guarantee.

Under the new act, the Centre holds most powers, while states bear the majority of financial and implementation burden, reducing a legal right to employment into a centrally sponsored scheme. He said it erodes fiscal federalism by imposing greater costs on states amid declining tax devolution from 34% to 31%, below the Finance Commission's recommended 42%, he said.

Additionally, he warned that centralised decision-making dilutes local planning and weakens the 73rd Constitutional Amendment empowering Panchayati Raj Institutions. Questioning the government's claim of "reform," he asked, "How is this a reform when it does not strengthen the scheme for those who depend on it the most?"

Industries Minister MB Patil described MGNREGA as a landmark scheme that generated local employment and promoted village development. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said it reflects ideological opposition to Mahatma Gandhi, and added that RSS and BJP "dislike Mahatma Gandhi".

BJP former General Secretary and MLC CT Ravi, however, hailed it as a transformative milestone in rural employment policy. "The new Act increases the guaranteed employment from 100 days to 125 days. This will provide further assistance to rural workers and benefit agriculture," he said.

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Modi will pay price for junking MNREGA: Pilot

BENGALURU: AICC general secretary Sachin Pilot on Monday issued an indirect warning that the NDA government would pay a heavy price for replacing the employment guarantee scheme MNREGA with VB-G Ram G. The people are fed up with the NDA government for the past 11 years. They are now looking at the Congress and the opposition parties as their next choice, said Pilot. "The Congress Working Committee (CWC) which is meeting on Dec.27 will deliberate on taking forward the party's fight against the government," he said while addressing a joint press conference at the KPCC office. "The false promises and allegations of the last 11 years (by the Modi government) have been exposed before the people. Rahul Gandhi is demonstrating his bold leadership inside and outside of Parliament, and we are all committed to building the party strong again," he said. He said the Centre had to wait for the conclusion of Bihar assembly polls to junk MNREGA since it knew that the predominantly rural populace heavily depended on the employment guarantee scheme. Pilot attacked that the Modi government had been doing vendetta politics since it came to power in 2014. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the decision to replace MNREGA was a shock to the panchayat raj system. "I never thought the BJP would have the audacity to touch a Constitutional right given by the Congress government. This is the beginning of the BJP's final days," he said. He said RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge has called for a meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss the issue.

Shivakumar meets Rajanna twice, sparks talk of bank, leadership politics

I made Rajanna bank chairman: DKS...

About his meetings with KN Rajanna, DK Shivakumar questioned, "Is CM close to him (Rajanna)? He is close to me too, who isn't he close to? I am a Congressman, I made Rajanna president of Apex Bank during SM Krishna's time. You can check with him. It was a courtesy call," he said.

...No, govt appointed him, says Siddu

Reacting to Shivakumar's statement, CM Siddaramaiah in Mysuru on Monday clarified that such appointments were decisions of the government and not of any one leader. "If someone meets the party president, what is wrong in that? Is there any rule that says he should not be met?" the CM said. Rajanna was appointed to the Apex Bank post when SM Krishna was the CM, Siddaramaiah said.

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's frequent meetings with his 'bete noire' and former cooperation minister KN Rajanna are coming in for political scrutiny. Shivakumar met Rajanna briefly late Saturday evening, and again on Sunday around the same time for a discussion lasting over an hour.

Both leaders claimed they discussed party affairs but did not divulge further. Rajanna is a loyalist of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Informed sources say Shivakumar, who is also Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, may have discussed issues related to the Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited. Shivakumar wants to make his brother-in-law S Ravi the bank chairman, and has sought the support of Rajanna, a former chairman who still holds sway over the bank. Former Kadur MLA Belli Prakash succeeded Rajanna as bank president with the latter's support.

Meanwhile, on May 6, 2025, RTI activist Dinesh Kallahalli lodged a complaint with Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, seeking the prosecution of Rajanna and other top bank officials, alleging irregularities of Rs 2,000 crore while disbursing loans to sugar factories run by legislators affiliated to different parties. It is being speculated whether this issue featured in the discussion between Shivakumar and Rajanna.

There is also talk whether Shivakumar wanted to take Rajanna into confidence as part of his exercise to clinch the CM's post, though Rajanna has declared that his support to CM Siddaramaiah is unshakeable. Rajanna, who was dismissed as minister for allegedly criticising senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Vote Chori campaign, has stated that Siddaramaiah should continue as CM for the full term.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Dr G meets AICC president, denies discussing politics

BENGALURU: With the leadership issue within the ruling Congress remaining unresolved, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, seen as a dark horse for the chief minister's post, met All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge at the latter's residence here on Monday. Their meeting comes a day after

Kharge's statement in Kalaburagi that the party high command has nothing to do with the confusion over change in leadership and it needs to be resolved by state leaders. The two Dalit leaders spoke for about half-an-hour. Coming out of Kharge's house, Parameshwara said, "I did not discuss politics with Kharge. My relationship with him is different. We discussed matters related to our families." Kharge told reporters that he has nothing more to add to what he already said on Sunday. ENS

Sitharaman expresses displeasure over 'poor maintenance' of Hampi

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hampi

UNION Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concluded her two-day visit to Vijayanagara district on an unhappy note, expressing strong displeasure over poor maintenance and lack of proper protocol by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Hampi Circle and the district administration.

According to informed sources, Sitharaman was visibly upset on Sunday while visiting the historic Kodandarama Temple in Hampi after she reportedly encountered unhygienic conditions, including human waste, along the pathway leading to the temple. The incident reportedly led her to question the cleanliness and overall upkeep of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

Sources added that the minister expressed concern over the absence of adequate sanitation facilities and asked the officials about the number of public toilets available in the heritage area. She reportedly pointed out that if such conditions could inconvenience a Union Minister, the situation for thousands of daily visitors and tourists would be even worse.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman during her recent visit to Ugra Narasimha monument in Hampi | SHIVASHANKAR BANAGAR

It is also learnt that the minister was unhappy with what she described as a lack of seriousness from ASI officials and the district administration, despite several memoranda and repeated requests regarding maintenance and development works in Hampi.

During her visit to Hampi, Sitharaman chaired a contemplation workshop, where preparations for the upcoming Union Budget, scheduled to be presented in February, were discussed. Over 120 senior officials, including IAS officers, took part.

However, the visit was reportedly marred by repeated requests from local officials and elected representatives for additional funds for development projects, which, sources say, further added to the minister's discomfiture.

Sitharaman's visit has raised serious questions among local residents and stakeholders about the management, sanitation, and preservation of Hampi, one of India's most important heritage sites. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to address these longstanding issues and ensure better facilities.

Supreme Court judge Justice Prasanna G Varale on Monday said it is a matter of immense pride that the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, had once argued cases at the Chikkodi court. He was speaking on Sunday at Chikkodi in Belagavi after inaugurating the newly constructed court complex and the Advocates' Association building

Court refuses to discharge accused in co-op bank scam

Trader's liability, including his firms' and associates', touches Rs 234.7 cr

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE principal city civil and sessions court has refused to discharge VR Rajesh, a businessman, whose liability, including his firms and associates, aggregated to Rs 234.7 crore in connection with the scam in Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank in the city. A case in this regard was registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The court held that Rajesh, accused No 19, did not make any valid grounds to seek discharge from the case. There were prima facie materials and a grave suspicion regarding his involvement in the alleged offence, which must be adjudicated upon during trial. Abundant materials had been placed on record to show that a serious scam had taken place in the bank. Also, a huge portion of money was transferred to the accounts of Rajesh, his wife and their firms, said Judge M Chandrashekar Reddy.

In his application, Rajesh, proprietor of M/s Dharani Enterprises and M/s Lakshmi Rice Corner, said he had availed a loan of Rs 20 crore from the bank by mortgaging his property and had repaid Rs 18.5 crore. As per the RBI internal audit report and Basavanagudi police chargesheet, he had an outstanding loan amount of Rs 40.4 crore. The CID chargesheets indicated that he had defaulted approximately Rs 20 crore. The allegation that he, along with 23 others, misappropriated Rs 234 crore is bald and baseless, he claimed.

Countering it, the ED said the laundering operations continued over several years, properties acquired from such funds were still with Rajesh and the investigation was on to unearth the larger conspiracy to siphon off more than Rs 1,500 crore. Under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), possession of proceeds of crime was a continuing offence. Therefore, discharge at this stage would be premature and contrary to statutory mandate, the ED stated.

The court said Rajesh had taken the loan as individual, proprietor, partner and through his controlled entities and associate concerns. Funds were not only received, but also utilised in business operations and for acquisition of assets, thereby establishing use and possession of proceeds of crime under Section 3 of PMLA. Statements of the co-accused and bank officials identified him as a beneficiary. His explanation lacked documentary evidence and did not reconcile the unaccounted inflow of funds. Thus, Rajesh was not a mere borrower, he knowingly handled and utilised tainted funds, the court said.

It said that even assuming the transactions originated as loans and that certain repayments were made, once the source of funds was illicit, the subsequent utilisation constitutes money laundering. The SC had clarified that PMLA penalises the act of laundering and not merely the originating fraud. Therefore, repayment of the loan would not absolve criminal liability. The internal audit findings and witness statements demonstrated the sanction of loan beyond permissible limits, lack of collateral verification and violations of banking norms, evidencing criminal conspiracy in which Rajesh was an active participant, the court said.

GALA SEASON BEGINS

The New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) marked the commencement of the cruise season for 2025–26 with the arrival of the first vessel, MS Seven Seas Navigator, on Monday. The vessel arrived from Mormugao Port in Goa | EXPRESS

Blue Force cracks the whip on water theft

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IN a 30-day operation against unauthorised water and sewerage usage, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) dedicated task force – Blue Force – conducted over 4,000 inspections across the city, identifying and penalising hundreds of illegal connections that were causing revenue loss and water pressure issues. The Blue Force on December 20 alone visited 237 buildings across four zones and disconnected 70 illegal connections, said an official release.

South Zone reported the highest number of 33 disconnections on Saturday, while in East Zone, it was 18, West Zone 15 and North Zone 4.

BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar said, "The Blue Force was constituted to detect illegalities that bypass our metres and rob the city of its rightful resources. Conducting 4,000 inspections in a month shows our commitment. We are using data-driven methods to target high-suspicion areas. The drive will continue until every drop of water is accounted for."

REAL ESTATE GOLDMINE

Pilots, alumni upset with move to shift Jakkur flying school

ANUBHAB ROY @ Bengaluru

WHILE the prospect of a second airport in Bengaluru has been in the news spotlight for a while, another airfield seems to be on its way out of the city. The future of Jakkur Aerodrome, which houses the Government Flying Training School (GFTS), seems bleak, as the Karnataka government looks to shift it to Mysuru. Aviation insiders who have used the aerodrome lament its potential fate, and see it as a move with vested interests.

The government's intent became concrete with a letter from Principal Secretary of Youth Empowerment and Sports Department Naveen Raj Singh, addressed to Airports Authority of India (AAI) chairman Vipin Kumar, to join an expert committee meeting convened by the former "to evaluate the possibility and feasibility of the above intended shifting (of GFTS from Jakkur to Mysuru)."

There has, of course, been a pushback from the aviation committee, with a majority pointing to the implicit motive of exploiting the real estate potential of the area, given the expansion of the city towards Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and corporate establishments in the area. "It's nothing but the corrupt trying to capitalise on real estate potential of that area. The fact they have ignored is that the government is only the custodian of the land and not the owner," says Captain Gurudath Kavalu, a GFTS alumnus.

"The Maharaja of Mysore gave the airfield to the Karnataka government in 1938 for the purpose of setting up the GFTS.

FILE PICTURE

The elevated highway which came up around 2009, is completely illegal. It's against the Aircraft Act rules. I have been fighting the matter in the High Court for the last decade, and will shortly be moving for contempt, as it was declared illegal around four years ago and there has been no action. The whole plan is using public infrastructure projects as a reason to shift the school," says Captain Arvind Sharma.

Both the captains and aviation community regard moving the school as a big loss to aspiring pilots from Bengaluru, especially those from middle-class or lower backgrounds, who could make use of the subsidised rates of GFTS. It is made more absurd by the fact that Mysuru already has a private flying school. Captain Sharma was a student of GFTS as well, and is grateful for the accessibility it provided. "The value of the school and aerodrome is not something you can put a price tag on," adds Captain Kavalu.

EXPRESS READ

Students attend Sankalpa

Bengaluru: Samooha Educational Institutions organised a special programme – Sankalpa-2025 – for students of Classes 9 and 10 and their parents in the city. Academy of Creative Teaching Chairman and Director Dr Gururaj Karajagi addressed the gathering. The event was presided over by GRS Group of Educational Institutions Founder-Chairman Shivaramayya. Secretary Yogesh, Chief Executive Officer Rashmi Yogesh and Principal Balakrishna were also present. ENS

Cricketer Venkatesh Prasad at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday | KEVIN NASHON

Homa performed at Chinnaswamy stadium

Bengaluru: The newly appointed board of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) performed homa (fire ritual) at M Chinnaswamy Stadium as a symbolic gesture to purify the premises, months after the stampede outside the stadium lead to the death of 11 people. The ritual was meant to symbolise a fresh start, as the newly appointed KSCA team, led by Venkatesh Prasad, has acquired permission to conduct matches at the stadium with strict adherence to 17 safety requirements laid out by the government. These requirements seek to improve crowd management and flow of pedestrian traffic within and surrounding the stadium, including entry and exit points. ENS

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT / BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites Bids in two parts through GoK KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works.

VARAHI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

1). KPCL/2025-26/INDENT2209/CALL-2, Date: 17.12.2025, Supply of 220kV Out Door Yard materials to VHEP, Hosangadi. EMD: **Rs. 8,558/-.**

2). KPCL/2025-26/INDENT2192/CALL-2, Date: 17.12.2025, Supply of 3 Phase 5 KVA inverter to VHEP, Hosangadi. EMD: **Rs. 4,425/-.** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **01.01.2026 upto 15:00 Hours.** Further details Contact: **Executive Engineer(MSP)H, VHEP, KPCL, Hosanagadi - 576282, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District,** Mobile: **94481 82618.**

SHARAVATHY GENERATING STATION

1). KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3688, Date: 17.12.2025, Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of firefighting equipments and fire hydrants system through external agency for a period of one year at Sharavathy Generating Station. EMD: **Rs. 6,950/-.** Last date & time for on-line submission tendersl: **31.12.2025 upto 16:30 Hours.** Further details Contact: **Executive Engineer(Controls), Sharavathy Generating Station, KPCL, Jogfalls- 5777435, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka,** Mobile: **91416 11886.**

SHIVA HYDRO ELECTRIC STATION

1). KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3776, Date: 17.12.2025, Design, Manufacture, Supply, retrofitting, testing at site and commissioning of 11KV, 1250A SF6 breakers with VCB Breakers for 4 No. of GT Bank and 1 No. of spare at 66KV switchyard of Shiva HES. EMD: **Rs. 1,06,459/-.** Last date for submission/uploading the bid in e-portal: **16.01.2026 upto 17:30 Hours.** Work Completion Period: **20 Weeks.** Further details Contact: **Executive Engineer (EM&O), Shiva, KPCL, Shivasamudram, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka,** Mobile: **91416 19315,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

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[Rule - 8 (1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable Property)

Whereas the **Authorized Officer of Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 09-10-2025** calling upon the Borrower **Mrs. Khalser Jahan, Address :** No. 120, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Shamanna Nagar Tehsil, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026 and **Guarantor Mr. Sayed Mahaboob** No. 120, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Shamanna Nagar, Tehsil, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for **Home Loan (847975110000115) of Rs. 33,01,125/- (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakhs One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five)** with further interest thereon **@ 8.20% p.a. from 09-10-2025** compounded with monthly rests and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of said notice **09-10-2025.**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **19-12-2025.**

The Borrower **Mrs. Khaiser Jahan and Guarantor Mr. Sayed Mahaboob** in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 33,88,240/- (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakhs Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty)** (dues as on date of the notice) and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS

All the piece and parcels of the residential immovable property bearing Muncipal No. 6/8, Old PID No. 42-65-6/8, New PID No. : 134-W-0129-12, Situated at 4th Cross Road, Nehru Road, Previously Kuvempunagar, Bangalore, now it is coming under the Jurisdication of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No. 134(42), Bangalore. Measuring : East to Wet 45 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, admeasuring 1350 Sq.Ft. with a Residential Building thereon, with all appurtenances either latent patent attached to the schedule property, Owned by Mrs. Khaiser Jahan and bounded as follows : **East by :** Property No. 9/A, **West by :** 15 Feet Wide Road, **North by :** Property No. 3, Muncipal No. 6, **South by :** Property No. 5, Muncipal No. 6.

Date : 19-12-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Bank of India**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
LABORATORY FOR ELECTRO-OPTICS SYSTEMS (LEOS)
PEENYA, BANGALORE-560058. LEOS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION (LCMD)
[Phone: (080)-22685088, 5047, 5045, 5088, 5086, (080)-28392310]

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tender are invited for the following work:

Name of the work : NIT NO & Date: Supply, Installation of LED Luminaries with five years warranty at LEOS Campuses, Peenya, Bangalore - 560058. NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMW-06/2025-26; Dtd: 17.12.2025; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 18.77 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 37,540/-; Period of Completion in months :** 05 Months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 23.12.2025; **Closing Date :** 09.01.2026

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

-Sd-
GROUP DIRECTOR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (C&MG)
URSC, BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091.
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Akheel Ahamed R/No 007, Gr Queens Ambar Apartments, 1st Cross Omkar Nagar, Arekera Bannerg Halla Road District Bengaluru Urban Karnataka Bangalore - 560076/ TBCAL00006723153/ LBCAL00006738472	Dharitri Titanium", Flat No. D3, 4th Floor, Block No. 1st, Holding No. 17, Methopara Road, C.S. Dag No. 1266, Khatian No. 903, R.S./ L.R. Dag No. 1268, Khatian No. 904, R.S./ L.R. Dag No. 1262, 1263 & 1265, R.S./L.R. Khatian No. 25, RE. SA. No. 132 & 139, Touzi No. 146, JL No. 45, Mouza Doharia, Village Methopara, P.s. Barasat, Madhyamgram Municipality, A.d.s.r.o. Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal (admeasuring An Area of 1087 Sq. Ft. Super Build Up Area More or Less Alongwith Proportionate Undivided Invisible Share In The Land Comprised In The Plinth of The Flat Including Garage And Amenities Including All Easements Right To The Said Land.	October 24,2025/ Rs. 40,55,104/-	08/09/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: December 23, 2025
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited ("TEBS"), having its registered office at Imagine No.78 ITPL Main Road, EPIP Zone Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, 560066, is the lawful lessee of the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder "Schedule Properties", allotted by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board ("KIADB") under the terms and conditions of the Lease-cum-Sale Agreement. NOTICE is further given that the said TEBS now proposes to mortgage its leasehold rights in respect of the said Schedule Properties in favour of our clients, subject to the terms and conditions of the Lease-cum-Sale Agreement.

Public is notified that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institutionbank or financial institution, other than KIADB has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, objection, agency, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, assignment, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any Court or Authority litigation, lis-pendens, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, FSI, tenancy, development rights, family arrangement /settlement, allotment, acquisition, requisition, beneficial right / interest under any trust, pending litigation,claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within 10(ten) days from the date of this Notice.If no such claim is received within the said period, it shall be conclusively presumed that no claim exists. The proposed mortgage will then be proceeded with without any further notice or reference, and any claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable properties bearing Survey Nos. 52-P, 53, 56, 73, 78, 77, 76, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 54-P, 55-P,57, 58, 59, 70, 74, 75, 72-P,115, 111,60, 62, 23,26, 29 measuring 125.94 Acres situated at Adakanahalli & Thandavapura Village, Chikkaiahnachatra Hobli, Nanjangudu Taluk, Mysuru District:

Date: 23.12.2025

Sd. /-
N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal Bangalore Advocates
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle,
No. 46, Ulsoor Road,
Bengaluru 560 042

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017
(Phone : 080 25084184, 4156)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Description	Details	
Name of work	Improvements and additions to existing vacant quarters in CISF Quarters & Barracks, Thippasandara, Bengaluru- Civil, PH & Electrical Works (Phase-II)	Upgradation of URSC Campus – Civil Works (Phase-1B), URSC Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru – 560017.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/C/08/2025-26, Dt. 18/12/2025	URSC/C&MG/C/C/09/2025-26, Dt. 19/12/2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 154.27 Lakhs	₹ 330.40 Lakhs
Period of completion	Twelve Months	Twelve Months
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 3,08,540/- valid for 180 days**	**₹ 6,60,800/- valid for 180 days**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru, 11th December 2025

S.O. 5748(E) - In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 20 A of the Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government (Ministry of Railways, South Western Railway, Construction Organisation, Bengaluru Cantonment) after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto, is required for the execution of the Special railway project, Construction of ROB and LHS in Lieu of LC No-44 Between Tumkur-Mallasandra Chainage:75/300-400, in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of Section 20D of the said Act:

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru for ROB / RUB's Construction of ROB and LHS in Lieu of LC No-44 Between Tumkur-Mallasandra Chainage:75/300-400 in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections:

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20 D of the said Act shall be final:

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer. Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling with in the proposed Special Railway Project of bridges Construction of ROB and LHS in Lieu of LC No-44 Between Tumkur-Mallasandra Chainage:75/300-400 in the state of Karnataka.

DISTRICT :TUMAKURU **TALUK: TUMAKURU**
HOBLI: URDIGERE **VILLAGE: HEGGERE**

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Beneficiary	Acquired Extent (In Acres - Guntas)				Classification of land
			Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	
1	8/1C	Mohamaddin Khan, Rahmathunnisa W/o Abdul Rehman	0-02 1/2	-	-	0-02 1/2	Site
2	183	Talavarike Inam	0-01 1/2			0-01 1/2	Dry
3	184/1	Government (Government School and Field)	0-02	-	-	0-02	Government
4	Village	Gramataana	0-00 1/4	-	-	0-00 1/4	Gramataana
5	Road	NH-4 Main Road to Kunkumanahalli Village Road Haddigidada Road	1-10	-	-	1-10	Road
		Total	**1-16 1/4**	**-**	**-**	**1-16 1/4**	**-**

ABSTRACT

Site	Dry	Gramataana	Government	Road	Total
0-02 1/2	0-02 1/2	0-00 1/4	0-02	1-10	1-16 1/4

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

(Pardeep Puri)
Chief Engineer-III/Construction/
South Western Railway, Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/755/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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Slamming KMF officials for purchasing huge quantities of maize through a middleman, former minister and JDS MLA HD Revanna said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is also looking after a cooperation portfolio, should take immediate steps to procure unlimited quantity of maize directly from farmers at Rs 2,400 per quintal. He said a nexus between KMF officials and middlemen has hampered the procurement process

ED sleuths expose crypto fraudsters' modus operandi

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

SLEUTHS from the Bangalore zonal office of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on December 18 conducted raids at 21 premises across Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi in connection with the case of 4th Bloc Consultants and others involved in the large-scale cryptocurrency investment fraud, the probe agency said on Monday.

The searches were conducted under the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, on the "residential and office premises of the accused and their associates, based on the FIR and information shared by the Karnataka police alleging large scale organised financial fraud involving cryptocurrency-based investment platforms", the ED said in a statement.

The investment platforms, according to the ED, were "operated by the accused persons targeting Indian and foreign nationals collecting funds in the guise of investment, majorly in the form of cryptocurrency, through websites designed by the accused," the ED said.

The ED unmasked the "modus operandi of the accused, which included creating fake cryptocurrency investment platforms that mimicked genuine investment platforms and advertising astronomical returns, luring gullible investors from India and abroad with promises of quick returns and using the photos of reputed crypto experts and famous personalities without consent for promotions," the agency said.

The ED said the accused paid initial investors some returns to gain trust and attract more investors like a classic multi level marketing (MLM) scheme. They were offered referral bonuses. The accused used social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Telegram, to market their schemes and increase the scale of the fraud, the Statement said.

The accused also created multiple crypto wallets, foreign bank accounts and companies to gather the proceeds of crime (POC). They allegedly routed funds to India through hawala channels, accommodation entries and peer-to-peer (P2P) crypto transfers. They used the POCs to create assets in India and abroad. They have been using the modus operandi since 2015," the agency said.

"The search operations helped identify some crypto wallets addresses of the accused persons, which have been used to receive the POC," the ED said, adding, "Most of the accused are maintaining undisclosed foreign bank accounts and using foreign entities to launder the POC."

Case filed under the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002

Raids conducted at 21 premises across Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi on December 18

Conmen targeted Indian and foreign nationals through websites mimicking investment platforms and advertising astronomical returns

BRAVING THE CHILL

A woman rides a scooter with her children, all dressed in woollens, in Chikkamagaluru on Monday. Several parts of the state is in the grip of a cold wave | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Become job creators, not job seekers: IISc prof to students

Bengaluru: At the 10th Annual Convocation of MS Ramaiah University of Applied Science (MSRUAS) on Monday, Dr Navakantha Bhat, Professor from Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), urged the graduates to find solutions to the challenges like malnutrition, obesity, pollution and unclean water. He said, "You must become job creators rather than job seekers to lead India and make Bengaluru the startup capital. Students who graduate should make the most of the schemes and programmes provided by the state and Central governments to establish startups for innovations in the field of Deep Science and Technology." On the occasion, MSRUAS Chancellor Dr MR Jayaram awarded PhDs to around 50 scholars and graduation certificates to 2095 UG and PG students. **ENS**

Karnataka lags in attracting startup funding: Sudhakar

Bengaluru: Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar on Monday stressed the need to significantly enhance startup funding in the state. While reaffirming Bengaluru's position as a leading innovation hub, he said Delhi-NCR currently attracts a larger share of startup funding. Speaking at the curtain raiser event for Inno Manthan 2026, organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) in Bengaluru, Sudhakar invited the representatives of various industries to participate in the Industry & Academia Linkage Summit his department is planning to organise in March. Manthan is a flagship programme by the FKCCI that helps college students transform their innovative ideas into enterprises. **ENS**

WHY FOG FORMS AND PERSISTS DURING WINTER

BENGALURU'S recent spell of cold mornings and dense fog has once again drawn attention to how weather behaves in ways that often surprise the public. While such conditions are commonly associated with northern India, their occurrence in a tropical city has raised questions about what is driving these changes. Scientists say the answer lies not in anomalies, but in basic atmospheric physics.

Weather may appear unpredictable, but it follows well-defined physical laws. Bengaluru's elevated inland location, combined with clear winter skies and calm winds, allows rapid night-time heat loss from the surface. This cooling becomes strongest just before sunrise, leading to colder mornings and the formation of fog.

As the ground cools after sunset, the air in contact with it also cools. When this air reaches saturation, moisture condenses into tiny droplets suspended near the surface, forming fog. Fog is essentially a cloud at ground level and does not require rainfall or storm systems to develop. Urban aerosols further influence its density by providing surfaces on which water vapour can condense, causing visibility to drop sharply.

The persistence of fog is linked to the formation of a temperature inversion during winter nights. Colder, denser air becomes trapped near the ground beneath warmer air above, suppressing vertical mixing. With little wind to disturb this arrangement, fog can persist for several hours into the morning, especially in low-lying and open areas.

Local terrain also plays a role. Cold, dense air tends to flow downslope at night and collect in depressions, making certain areas more prone to dense fog. Built-up regions may remain slightly warmer, but higher pollution levels can make the fog that does form more opaque. Fog usually clears after sunrise, when solar heating weakens the inversion and allows air to mix vertically.

As droplets evaporate, visibility improves rapidly. Such episodes highlight how fundamental physical processes govern everyday weather and explain why scientific understanding is essential to interpret sudden changes in temperature and visibility.

Fog, visibility and safety

Winter fog typically forms during late night and early morning hours under clear skies and calm winds, when rapid cooling near the ground causes air to reach saturation. Visibility can reduce suddenly to a few hundred metres or less, particularly close to sunrise, and may persist for one to three hours before clearing after sunrise.

During foggy conditions, reduced visibility increases the risk of road accidents. Driving at lower speeds, maintaining safe distances and using low-beam or fog lights can improve safety. High-beam headlights should be avoided, as they reflect light back and worsen visibility. Sudden braking, overtaking, and reliance solely on vehicle taillights should be avoided. Pedestrians and cyclists should remain cautious and visible, especially near highways and open stretches.

Fog generally dissipates rapidly once sunlight warms the surface and breaks the temperature inversion, restoring visibility within a short period. Awareness of these patterns can help commuters plan travel and reduce risk during winter mornings.

*— **Kamsali Nagaraja,** Professor, Dept of Physics, Bangalore University*

*— **Chanabasanagouda S Patil,** Scientist, Meteorological Centre, Bengaluru*

Aviation firm starts testing 'Make-in-India' air taxi in city

Bengaluru: In a significant step towards advanced air mobility, Bengaluru-based Sarla Aviation on Monday announced the start of ground testing for its electric air-taxi demonstrator, marking the country's most advanced private effort yet in vertical flight technology. The company begun ground tests of its half-scale electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, SYLLA SYL-X1, at its Bengaluru facility. With a wingspan of 7.5 metres, the aircraft is the largest private eVTOL demonstrator currently under development in India. Developed in about nine months, the programme has progressed at a fraction of the cost seen in comparable global projects. The demonstrator is designed to test structural performance, propulsion integration and system-level safety, and has been developed with certification requirements in mind. **ENS**

Man gets 'sextorted' twice in 20 days

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 30-year-old man was robbed off cash twice in 20 days when he went to the location of the call girls whom he contacted on a Telegram group. The first incident happened on December 1 in Annapoorneshwari Nagar. The second incident happened on Saturday.

Police said the man, a resident of Sudhamanagar in Wilson Garden, has filed a complaint against five persons, including two women, at the RR Nagar police station on Saturday. One woman was involved in both the incidents.

The victim in his complaint has stated that on December 1, he selected a woman in the Telegram group and agreed to pay her Rs 20,000. He then went to the Annapoorneshwari Nagar after she sent him the location. The woman took him inside a house and robbed him off the cash while helping him undress. She also demanded Rs one lakh from him and threatened to call her associates and file a false case against him. He somehow managed to escape from there.

The man again went to meet another woman identified as Sweety. When went to the RR Nagar location sent by her, the five accused allegedly robbed Rs 20,000 from him again. They also attacked him for not giving Rs 1 lakh. When they tried to kidnap him in a car, he cried for help. A passerby called the police control room. By the time the police reached the spot, the gang members had escaped.

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AUDREY HEPBURN

VASAVI MSCM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

(Erstwhile The Mysore Silk Cloth Merchants' Co-operative Bank Limited)

No.6, Hospital Road, Bengaluru -560 053. Tel No.: 2225 3389, 2226 8535. 26661253, E-Mail: info@mscmbank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE-8(1)]

Whereas the Authorised officer of **The Mysore Silk Cloth Merchants' Co-operative Bank Limited,** Presently known as **Vasavi MSCM Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** No.6, Hospital Road, Bengaluru-560 053 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2), (12) of Act, Read with Rule 9 of security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon Borrowers/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices to the following Borrowers/Guarantors.

The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the above mentioned amount, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Rules has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described below mentioned date " The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets"

Hence the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) (a) of the Act, 2002 propose to realise the amount due by the sale of the mortgaged properties and as required under Sub Rule (6) of the Rule 8 of the Rules, the undersigned hereby gives you, the Borrowers notice calling upon you to pay the amount due within 30 days of the receipt of this notice. Failing which the undersigned shall dispose the mortgaged properties as contemplated under the Act, and Rules.

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties in any manner and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Vasavi MSCM Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** for amount mentioned below.

Demand Notice Date/Possession Notice Date	Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantor	Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount Due in Rs.
04.06.2025/ 16.12.2025	1) Sri.Sampath Kumar.R S/o Late.Ramu alias Ramaiah –Applicant, 2) Smt.Nethravathi.A W/o Sri.Sampath Kumar.R - Co-Obligant, Both are Residing at No.23, Nayandahalli, Jantha Colony, Mysore Road, Behind Government School, Bengaluru-560039	All that Residential Property bearing Municipal No.23, Old Site No.23, (formed in the lands in Sy.No.1 and 46(A), of Nayandahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), Bangalore, Ward No.131, Corporation PID No.39-186-23, now within the limits of BBMP , Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 25 Feet Totally measuring 750 Square Feet, along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground, First, Second, Third Floors together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the; East by : Road; West by : Property Bearing Municipal No.20; North by : Property Bearing Municipal No.24; South by : Property Bearing Municipal No.22; **Belongs to: Sri.Sampath Kumar.R S/o Late.Ramu alias Ramaiah**	Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000183 Rs.39,48,360.00 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only) + with future interest and other charges From 31.05.2025
01.09.2025/ 16.12.2025	1. Sri.Munegowda.V S/o Late.Sri.D.Venkata Swamy Gowda-Appicant, 2. Sri.A.M.Rajashekar S/o Sri.V.Munegowda-Co-Obligant, Both are residing at No.33/1, Bidarahalli Hobli, Adur Virgonagar, Bengaluru-560049.	**Property No.1:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.13 and 14, Khata No.907, situated at Rachenhalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP Jurisdiction measuring east to west 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 2,400 Square Feet along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground, First, Second and Terrace Floor together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the; East by : Site No.15; West by : Site No.12; North by : Private Property; South by : Road; **Property No.2:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.19, Khata No.907, New Khata No.1953, situated at Rachenhalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP Jurisdiction measuring east to west 45 Feet and North to South 32 Feet, totally measuring 1,440 Square Feet along with dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the; East by : Property of Sri.Ramanna; West by : Property of Sri.Jayaram; North by : Boundary of Sampigehalli; South by : Road; **Belongs to: Sri.Munegowda.V S/o Late.Sri.D.Venkata Swamy Gowda**	Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000051 Rs.57,63,857.00 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Only) + with future interest and other charges From 31.08.2025
01.09.2025/ 16.12.2025	1.Sri.M.Navanichandra S/o Late.Sri.Muniyallappa- Appicant 2.Sri.N.Manikandan S/o Sri.Navanichandra-Co-Obligant, 3.Sri.N.Gowtham S/o Sri.Navanichandra-Co-Obligant, All are residing at No.1 and 2, Varthur Main Road, Near Health and Glow, Thubarahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Municipal No.195/147, (Old Site No.01, carved out of land in Sy.No.1 and 2 of Thubarahalli Village Panchayath), Khata No.147, situated at Thubarahalli Colony, Bangalore, Ward No.85 of Doddanekkundi, PID No.195/147, East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 2,400 Square Feet dwelling unit constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor together with the structures standing thereon and bounded on the: East by:Road; West by: Road; North by: Road; South by:Road; **Belongs to: Sri.M.Navanichandra S/o Late.Sri.Muniyallappa**	Mortgage Loan Ac No.1001056000108 Rs.96,21,244.00 (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Four Only) + with future interest and other charges From 31.08.2025

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.12.2025

Sd/- Authorised officer,
Vasavi MSCM Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

The Janatha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

H.O: #156, 8th Main, 17th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560055,
Ph: 080- 23341972/ 2344 2648 Email: gm@jcbank.in / recovery@jcbank.in

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower's and Guarantor's in particular that under mentioned property mortgage to the **The Janatha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** taken Possession under the provision of Section 13(4) and 8(6) of Securitization of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002, will be sold public as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below by adopting any of the methods mentioned in Rules 8(5) of the above rules. The Property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS AND WHAT EVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** and as such the sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities.

Name of borrowers & Mortgagors and guarantors sureties	**Sri.Gangadhar G** S/o Sri.Gopalappa, Residing No.92, 1st main road, 6th cross, Narasimha swamy layout, Behind Shakthi Maramma temple, Laggere, Bangalore – 560058
Date, Time and Place of Sale	**Date:16.01.2026 at 12.00 Noon The Janatha Co-op., Bank Ltd.,** #156, 8thMain, 17th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560055.
Reserve Price	**Rs.95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakh Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.9,50,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Thousand only)**
Debt due including interest as on 18.12.2025 Plus future interest from 19.12.2025 & charges, costs, etc.,	**Rs.2,33,73,418/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen only)**
Date and time of inspection of properties for intending purchasers	On all working days between **10.00 AM to 6.00 PM till 14.01.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Western portion of the property No.35, Old No.908, 5th main, Gokula 4th phase, 1st stage, Yeshwantapuram Bengaluru, Situated in BBMP Ward No.7, PID No.7-46-35 (Malleswarm) Land measuring 18.0 x 38.0 feet. i.e., ¾ of the undivided rights of land i.e., 513 Sq. feet of land and eastern portion of 9.0+12.0/2x38+42.6/2 feet i.e., 426.625 Sq. feet of land totaling into 935.625 Sq. feet of land and bounded on East by: Site No.907 ,West by: Road, North by : Pipe line road, South by:Site No.908/A.

STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SALE OF PROPERTY THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY ARE AS UNDER:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with the application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The property is being sold with all existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues.
7. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
8. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
9. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
10. The interested parties may contact the Authorised Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
11. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties in respect of purchase of the property.
12. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/Rules.

Note: The intending purchasers may contact Chief Executive Officer, **The Janatha Co-operative Bank Ltd., #156, 8th Main Road, 17th Cross road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560055. Mobile No.9900856389, and Sale Officer Mobile No.9035154181** for ascertaining the details of property and sale. **Contact Phone No.080-23449450, 23469560, 23442648** for inspection of Property. **E-mail ID of Bank : gm@jcbank.in, recovery@jcbank.in**

Date : 19.12.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Janatha Co-op., Bank Ltd.,

The Kerala government has written to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar citing lapses in the Special Intensive Revision of the voter list in the state and sought extension of the deadline for submitting enumeration forms by two weeks

Four K'taka dists account for 60% of human deaths in man-animal conflict

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

MAN-animal conflicts continue to pose a serious challenge in Karnataka, with four southern districts -- Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan -- accounting for nearly 60% of all human deaths linked to wildlife encounters over the last four years.

As per data revealed by Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, 203 people died in man-animal conflicts in the state from 2022 to 2025 (November 30), of them 58 died in 2022-23, 65 in 2023-24, 46 in 2024-25 and 34 till November of 2025.

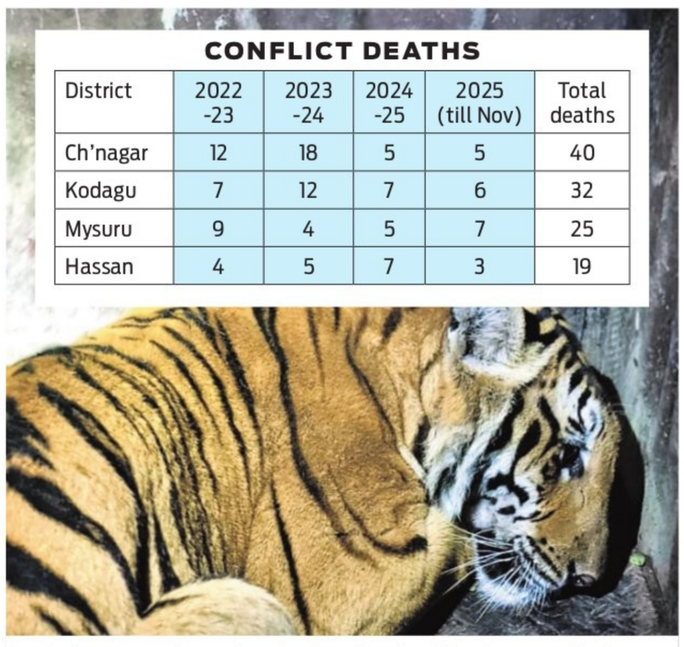
With 40 deaths in four years, Chamarajanagar district topped the list followed by Kodagu with 32 deaths, Mysuru 25 and Hassan 19.

The statistic highlighted the disproportionate impact borne by regions on the fringes of forests in southern Karnataka, where human settlements increasingly overlap with wildlife habitats.

These districts share extensive boundaries with ecologically sensitive zones, including the Bandipur-Nagarahole-Wayanad-Mudumalai landscape, one of the largest contiguous forest stretches in South India.

CONFLICT DEATHS

District	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025 (till Nov)	Total deaths
Ch'nagar	12	18	5	5	40
Kodagu	7	12	7	6	32
Mysuru	9	4	5	7	25
Hassan	4	5	7	3	19



A male tiger captured at a private land near Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Sunday

Officials attribute the high-fatality rate to a combination of factors, like habitat fragmentation, shrinking forest corridors, expansion of agriculture and human encroachment into wildlife habitats. But conservation experts argue that long-term solutions are needed, including restoration of wildlife corridors, scientific land-use planning, relocation of highly vulnerable settlements and sustained community awareness programmes.

While elephant attacks accounted for a significant share of the fatalities, followed by encounters with leopards and tigers in certain pockets. Most deaths occurred when people were working in agricultural fields, collecting forest produce or moving through forested areas, often during early morning or late evening hours.

The forest department claims to have undertaken several mitigation measures, including installation of solar-powered fences, elephant-proof trenches, early warning systems and introduction of a command centre. But experts call for region-specific strategies rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

"Human-wildlife coexistence is addressed through ecological and social interventions. The loss of human lives along with retaliatory killing of animals is likely to continue if it is not addressed properly," said a former wildlife warden.

LONGEST IN INDIA

Chennai to get 18.4-km double decker viaduct

B ANBUSELVAN @ Chennai

INDIA'S longest double-decker viaduct, comprising a six-lane elevated highway on the lower deck and a metro corridor on the upper level, has been proposed for an 18.4-km stretch between the Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus (KCBT) at Kilambakkam and Chettipunniyam near Mahindra City on GST Road in Chennai.

The Tamil Nadu government has granted in-principle approval to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for constructing the six-lane elevated corridor with pillars designed to accommodate a future metro line. Once completed, it is expected to be the longest double-decker viaduct in the country, and possibly the world. Currently, the longest double-decker viaduct in the metro category is a 5.6-km stretch on Kamptee Road under the Nagpur Metro project.

The decision for the proposed corridor was taken at a recent meeting chaired by Chief Secretary N Muruganandam with the state highways, CMRL, NHAI and other officials last week. After the completion of the Airport-KCBT Metro line for 15.46 km, which is yet to receive approval from the union government, the second phase of the metro project will be taken up from KCBT to Chengalpattu, official sources said.

At present, under Corridor 5 (Madhavaram-Sholinganallur) of Chennai Metro Rail Limited's Phase II project, CMRL has constructed a 3.14-km-long, four-lane elevated flyover on Mount-Poonamallee Road between Mugalivakkam and Ramapuram (MIOT hospital). The structure also accommodates a metro line above the highway, though this stretch is yet to be opened to the public.

According to sources from the NHAI, concerns over the alignment for future metro expansion along the Kilambakkam-Chengalpattu stretch have been resolved by the state government.

K'taka govt staffers want state to bring back OPS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Government Employees' Association on Monday demanded that the New Pension Scheme (NPS) Review Committee, headed by senior IAS officer Anjum Parvez, should suggest to the government to implement the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

Association president CS Shadakshari and other office-bearers met senior IAS officer Uma Mahadevan and submitted a memorandum. It stated that the Anjum Parvez committee that has four IAS officers visited Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana where NPS was revoked and OPS re-implemented. The committee is yet to submit its report, but has told the government it will do so soon.

Shadakshari said NPS has been in effect in Karnataka since 2006. But West Bengal never implemented it, while Andhra and Telangana floated a Contributory Pension Scheme to replace NPS. Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Himachal, Punjab, Jharkhand and other states scrapped NPS through cabinet decisions and state budgets. "Under NPS, 10% of the employees' basic salary and DA, and 14% contribution from the state is credited to the employees' fund. It constitutes 24% of the total which is non-withdrawable. This is invested in the share market and the final amount depends on the ups and downs of the market," he said.

He said with the government limiting contribution to 14%, it can save Rs 1.87 lakh crore per year with all vacancies filled.

EXPRESS READ

2 years after stray dog bite, youth dies of rabies

Ranipet: Nearly two years after being bitten by a stray dog, an 18-year-old youth died of rabies at a hospital in Chennai on Sunday. Official sources said it is unclear if J Diva was unvaccinated or if he had failed to complete the full course. "On learning about his history of a dog bite, doctors suspected rabies-related brain fever," an official said.

Police had warned girl's dad to stay away

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AFTER murdering his daughter, Prakash, a Lingayat, sat next to the body and told Vivekananda's parents that he had warned Manya this was what would happen if she married a Dalit boy.

Manya and Vivekananda got married in May this year. For the first few months, they were staying at a relative's house in Haveri, as they were scared of Manya's parents. The couple knew each other for three years before getting married. Soon after their wedding, the police had summoned Prakash and warned him to stay away from the couple. They had asked him to give it in writing, which he did. The couple had returned to the village only a few weeks ago, a relative of Vivekananda said.

In fact, Prakash visited Vivekananda's house a few times this month and met his daughter. On Sunday night too, he and others had arrived on the pretext of meeting her. The relative said, "We had never imagined that Manya's father would do something like this. Manya was cremated on Monday and no one from her house attended the funeral."

Members of Dalit organisations protest during the funeral of Manya in Hubballi taluk on Monday | EXPRESS

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA
City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08-10-2025 calling upon the borrower **Smt.Roopa.R W/o Srinivas.R** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.51,67,469/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)** further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **22nd day of December of the year 2025.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount Rs. 51,67,469/- and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:
Borrower Name : Sri.Roopa.R
Surety Name : Sri.Srinivas.R
Loan Amount : Rs.51,67,469/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description of the Immovable Property.

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential site Katha No.2522, Site bearing No.1022, Block No.4, formed in Sy.No.23, Lingadheeranahalli Village, Herohalli Grama Panchayath, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560091, The Karnataka Government Class 'D' Employees' housing building co-operative society Ltd., has converted to non-agricultural purpose vide No.ALN/SR/(N) 37/2001-02 and formed layout, presently schedule property comes under the limits of BBMP, ward No.40, (Presently called as 'D' Group Layout, Block No.4, Site No.1022), measuring East to West 54.6 feet (16.62 meters) and North to South 30 feet (9.15 meters), totally 1635 square feet along with constructing building and bounded on:-

East by : 30 feet road, West by : Site No.1039,
North by : Site No.1023, South by : Site No.1021.

Date : 22-12-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA
City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **22nd day of December of the year 2025.**

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Borrower Details:
Borrower Name : Sri.Panushree.D.H
Surety Name : Sri.Praveena.V.S
Loan Amount : Rs.67,19,247/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description of the Immovable Property.

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing NO.1A, Measuring 44 x 30, out of which Eastern Half Site measuring 22 x 30 and Site No.2 measuring 44 x 30 out of which Northern Half portion, situated at Eastern sited measuring 22 x 10, measuring East to West 22 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 880 Square Feet, consisting of three floor building built thereon situated at Andrahalli, presently B.B.M.P Khatha No.11666 & 11665 (Old Khatha No.856, Assessment No.50), Now coming within B.B.M.P Ward No.40, Andrahalli Village, Assessment No.50, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the: -

East by : 30 feet Road,
West by : Western half site out of site No.1A and remaining site at Western side situated at Northern half portion out of site No.2.
North by : 30 feet road,
South by : Remaining southern half portion of Site No.2.

Date : 22-12-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - Expression of Interest

O/o the Chief Engineer, (REES & PED), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Notice inviting Expression Of Interest(EOI)For Location Aggregation through Charge Point Operators EVPCS Deployment under Category C of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.
Portal URL(https://pmedrivekerala.kseb.in)
Last date & Time for submission 05-01-2026 03 pm
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.kseb.in**
Ref : PR/MC1/F370//2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08192–262527 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:–dcfdvg@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಅಸಂ/ದಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ವಿವ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:22.12.2025

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भारी पानी संयंत्र, तूतीकोरिन **Heavy Water Plant, Tuticorin**

Notice Inviting e-tender No.HWPT/INST/COMPUTERS/UPGRADE/2025

General Manager, HWP (Tuticorin) on behalf of the President of India invites two-part item rate tender through e-tendering mode from eligible contractors for the **"Upgradation of Computers & Augmentation of Servers"**.Estimated cost: Rs.73,45,000/- (Including GST @ 18%), EMD: Rs.1,46,900/-, Dates for download from 22.12.2025 (10:00 hrs.) to 02.01.2026 (18:00 hrs.). For more information and tendering, please visit website www.eprocure.gov.in, e-mail: mm@tut.hwb.gov.in, Tel. 0461-2244 587/581.

Sd/-
(आर. सुब्रमण्यम **R.Subramaniam**
महाप्रबंधक, भापासंतू.तूतीकोरिन **General Manager, HWP,Tuticorin**
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **For & On behalf of the President of India**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
(Phone : 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax: 080 25084155)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement of 3 Nos of 75 TR Capacity FRP Cooling tower and Providing FRP Coating to the Existing Condenser Water lines at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037.
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/0052/ETN-08/2025-26 Dt. 22.12.2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 17.74 Lakhs
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	180 days / 06 months
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 35,480/- (Validity for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/-
Group Director (Construction & Maintenance Group)

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011

No. EE/MI & GWD/BNG/AE-1 & 5/23/2025-26 Datd : 22.12.2025

Short Term Tender Notification Through kppp Portal

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P. with latest amendments, Item wise tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A : SCP (Check Dam) from the eligible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. For further details, visit website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Name of the work: Construction of check dam works near SC land in Bommanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Hargadde Gram Panyayat Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Construction of check dam in Survey No.24 at Channasandra Village Bangalore South Taluk, Yalahanka assembly constituency, Bangalore Urban District. Construction of Checkdam Across Govt Halla Near The Land of Choodamadayya in Nallahallidoddi Village, Uyyamballi Gramapanchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District. Construction of Checkdam Across, Mathhikulli Halla, Near Chunchi Colony Village, Uyyamballi Gramapanchayath, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District.

Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs) : Minimum: **Rs.100.88** Maximum: **Rs.120.90** EMD: **Rs.2,00,000/-**

Period of Completion: 06 Months including Monsoon,

(Tender Amount, EMD Amount and Period Completion as per the works noted in KPPP Portal)

(1) Tender will be published through kppp portal on Dated: **22.12.2025 at 16.00 Hours, (2)** Last date of queries: **29.12.2025 at 15.00 Hours, (3)** Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time (Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development division, Bengaluru): **26.12.2025 at 11.30 Hours, (4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders on Dated: **29.12.2025 at 16.30 pm Hours, (5)** Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **31.12.2025 at 11.30 am Hours, (6)** Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **After approval of Technical bid.**

Conditions: 1) Terms and conditions and other details may be obtained through kppp portal at the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause KW-4 of ITT in Standard Tender document. **3)** Bidder should quote the rates Excluding GST. **4)** Rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of any or all Tenders.

DIPR/CP/4607/SSC/2025-2026 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division**

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA
City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08-10-2025 calling upon the borrower **Sri.Narayanaswamy.H.R S/o N.Rame Gowda & Smt. Sunitha.G.S W/o Narayanaswamy.H.R** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.34,15,054/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Fifty Four Only)** further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **22nd day of December, 2025.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount **Rs.34,15,054/-** and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:
Borrower Name : **Sri.Narayanaswamy.H.R & Smt. Sunitha.G.S**
Surety Name : Sri.Lakshman.M
Loan Amount : Rs.34,15,054/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description Of The Immovable Property

SCHEDULE - A

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.1 present BBMP Katha No.1577/214/1B/1 formed out of converted land measuring 0-28 Guntas, in Survey No.214/1B of Kodigehalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, which land was converted for non-agricultural residential purpose in terms of official Memorandum bearing No.BDS.ALN(NAY)SR102-09-10, dated 12.01.2010, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore. Presently comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.9, Bangalore and including all rights, privileges and appurtenance thereto and bounded on:

East By : Site No.2 & 9 and in between 30' road, West By : Private Property,
North By : Private Property, South By : Private Property.

SCHEDULE - B

(Property conveyed under the deed)

406 sq ft of undivided share of land rights, title, and interest in the schedule 'A' property.

SCHEDULE - C

Flat No 304 on the Second Floor, in the residential apartment known as "BALAJI YASH", Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.9. Being constructed on the schedule 'A' Property and consisting of Three BHK, with vitrified flooring, together with super built up area 1470 Sq ft, thereto with proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase, corridors, pipes, sewers, etc., excluding terrace area.

Date : 22-12-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
#109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No.22956419/20

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule -8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 09.10.2025 calling upon the borrower **M/s Mahaveer Electricals Prop. Sri. Ritesh Chopra, NO 4/4 LAKSH COMPLEX, MURGESHPALAYA, BANGALORE 560017** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,50,15,650/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only)** as on **30/09/2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **22nd day of December 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore–560040, for an amount of **Rs. 1,49,08,481/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Only)** as on **30/11/2025** plus interest from together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE : All the Piece and Parcel of the property belonging to Sri Ritesh Chopra bearing No.79, (Western Portion of H.A. Sanitary Board Khata No.103/125, then changed as 338 to 343/93/A to E) PID No.73-95-79, situated at Konena Agrahara Main Road, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, formerly within H.A. Sanitary Board Limiits now within BBMP Bangalore measuring East to West – 26.6 Feet and North to South – 55 feet in all measuring 1457.50 sft (As per actual measurement East to West -26.6 feet and North to South – 50 feet in all measuring 1325 sft) along with building thereon and bounded on:- East by: Remaining Portion of same property belongs to Doreswamy, West by : Property of Ammayyamma, North by: Property of Hanumappa and Rajagopal, South by: Road.

Date: 22.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd,.**

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru- 560 056, Ph: 080-23213023

No: DEV/D2a/Dr.BA/PHYSICS/ANRF-PAIR/2025-26 Dated: 22.12.2025

NOTIFICATION

Bangalore University invites applications from eligible candidates to work in an ANRF-PAIR funded project across various departments on a temporary basis for 5 years. The details of the positions, emoluments, number of vacancies, and respective departments are as follows:

1. Technical Assistant – ₹27,000 + HRA per month (01 position: Department of Chemistry)
2. Project Assistant – ₹27,000 + HRA per month (04 positions: Chemistry – 02, Physics –01, Life Science – 01)
3. Research Associate – ₹58,000 + HRA per month (01 position: Department of Electronic Science/Physics)
4. Project Associate – ₹37,000 + HRA per month (02 positions: Physics – 01, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology – 01)

Details regarding the project, eligibility criteria for each position, principal investigators, and other relevant information are available on the Bangalore University website (https://bangaloreuniversity.karnataka.gov.in/en).

For further enquiries, please contact
Dr.Basavaraj Angadi at: brangadi@bub.ernet.in

DIPR/CP/4615/AKAR/2025-26 **Sd/- Registrar**

EDITORIAL

"Memory is the basis of structure. You can tell complex stories when you remember, and then connect. You can have deep structure only when you remember well

Sumantra Ghoshal

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— Ramnath Goenka

FIGHT THREATS EMERGING AGAINST WORLD'S LARGEST WILD TIGER POPULATION

FIFTY-four tiger deaths in a single calendar year is a record Madhya Pradesh could have done without. It is also the highest for the state ever since Project Tiger came into existence about half a century ago. December saw five deaths within a week, propelling India's 'Tiger state' into the headlines even as the sixth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) survey got under way. With widespread outrage over the mortalities, the head of the state's forest force warned his entire department that negligence would not be tolerated.

Madhya Pradesh's place in the country's tiger conservation story is extremely significant. It holds 785 of these majestic predators out of the 3,682 individuals counted during AITE 2022. If central India and the Eastern Ghats are home to the country's largest populations, MP accounts for more than half of it. Going by the 46 deaths reported in the state last year, this year's number may not sound too alarming. But rising incidents of poaching and retaliatory electrocution mean that the fatalities cannot be ignored.

Some old worries are back in a craftier and more ruthless incarnation. The clustering of deaths points to the work of poachers—of the 54 mortalities, 22 took place just outside tiger reserves. This is where conservation measures need a closer look. The fact that at least six cases were linked to the seizure of tiger parts also indicates that smugglers may be back in operation. On electrocution, though conventional logic points to disgruntled farmers setting traps to net crop-raiding animals, we must note that hunters also increasingly use such methods. India cannot lose to criminal networks the hard-earned gains it achieved over two decades of strong protection and habitat management.

Not all the problems are Madhya Pradesh's alone. Given the healthy growth of tiger populations, poaching syndicates and wildlife smugglers are targeting the edges of forested areas, where protection is weaker. This is also where human-wildlife conflicts are raging across states, as shown by the recent spate of captures in Karnataka and Kerala. As India pushes forward with its most comprehensive tiger enumeration exercise, it would be prudent for the National Tiger Conservation Authority to address the emerging issues. At stake is the future of the keystone species in the country that's home to two-thirds of them in the wild.

GILL AXING A BIG CALL TO RESTORE TEAM BALANCE

THE moment India's Test and one-day international captain hit a lean patch in T20 internationals, it seemed he was on borrowed time. Though sacking high-profile players is usually unthinkable in Indian cricket, the selection committee took that brave call on Saturday. Less than two months before the T20 World Cup to be co-hosted at home, the T20I vice-captain was dropped from the squad for the marquee event.

Gill was considered a long-term solution to India's captaincy needs in all formats after Rohit Sharma. However, the experiment did not bear the expected results in three tournaments. There were other factors in play, too. Gill's inclusion in September disrupted the settled Sanju Samson-Abhishek Sharma combination that was pulverising opponents. As the batting order was changed, the team suddenly seemed to lose balance. What made matters more complicated is the form of the T20I captain, Suryakumar Yadav.

In Gautam Gambhir's time as head coach, Gill has opened 17 times, averaging 26 and striking at 137.35. Abhishek stands taller with an average of 36.7 and a strike rate of 189.84. Samson, as an opener, averages 34.92 with a strike rate of 181.6. Gill replacing Samson at the top led to the inclusion of a middle-order keeper-batter. And the middle order was not Samson's preferred territory. The Gill experiment ran its course by the South Africa series, in which he scored 4, 0 and a run-a-ball 28. With doubts creeping in, an injury in Lucknow gave a chance for Samson in Ahmedabad. The all-in, aggressive approach of Abhishek and Samson, along with the fact that they allow for another all-rounder or finisher, might have tilted the management's decision in Samson's favour.

Gill's loss turned out to be Ishan Kishan's gain. Rinku Singh, too, was added as a finisher. The team's fragility gave way to one of the best performances India could have hoped for against South Africa. Jitesh Sharma, drafted as a middle-order keeper once Gill came in, missed out. Kishan's inclusion augurs well for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, the tournament where he scored 517 runs and helped Jharkhand win the domestic T20 title just days before the selection. The BCCI's call to make it mandatory for all players to play domestic cricket will build confidence. And, hopefully, boost the nation's ambitions for the T20 World Cup.

QUICK TAKE

NOT BURDENING PASSENGERS

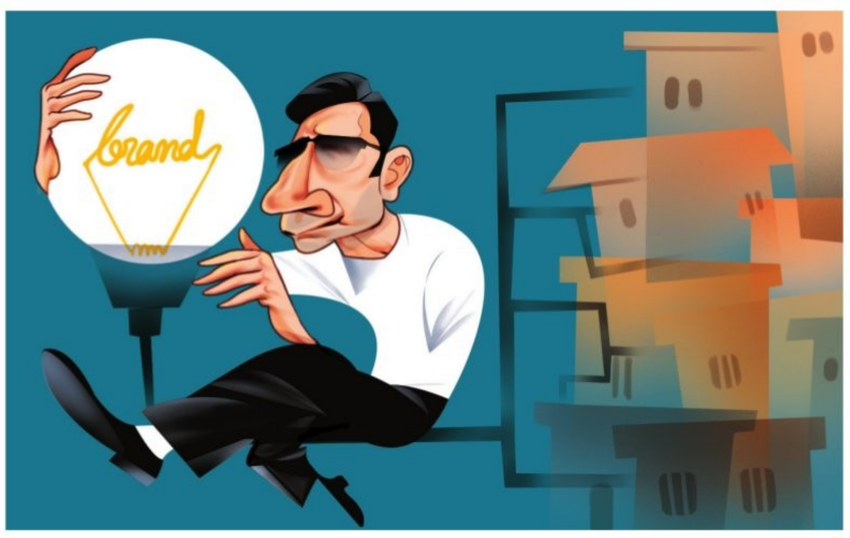
THE Indian Railways' second fare increase of 2025 spares daily passengers. But the ₹600 crore that the hike is expected to garner would not directly translate into better passenger amenities, as it's earmarked for manpower costs. We must note that even a small hike matters for the almost three-fourths of rural households who expect no income increase in the near future. The announcement came just a few days after a parliamentary committee suggested that freight operations, which bring in almost two-thirds of railways' revenues, be made more attractive to be able to subsidise passenger fares further. The routes recommended include moving more consumer goods and cars of various sizes, and setting up railside cold-storage facilities. Prefer a passenger-friendly way to make more money.

Big brands are becoming tiresome as nimbleness is preferred. Down-to-earth influencers are more relatable than big endorsers. Time to bring back the art, science and philosophy of branding

WHY BIGGER MAY NOT BE BETTER IN 2026

HARISH BIJOOR

Brand guru & founder of Harish Bijoor Consults Inc



SOURAV ROY

YEAR 2025 is coming to a full stop in just a few days. An old year has passed and a new one dawns soon. Time to take a 'comma pause' and think of what 2026 might have in store in terms of marketing and branding. And why marketing and branding alone? Simply because marketing touches all our lives all the time.

In this view of the world, there are just two types of people. One are those who market to others, and the other are those marketed to. The truth: none of us can do without brands of one kind or the other. Every step you take, and every breath you take, a brand touches you. We are brand-polluted folk.

Let me ask questions then. Many of them.

Is branding going to be back?

The year almost past saw the near-decimation of brandcraft in more ways than one. It remained one totally devoted to technology. 'MarTech' or marketing technology became a phrase on its own. Technology-led companies had the old world of brand-thinkers in a twirl. Technology led and brands had to follow meekly.

Most of those who believed in the prowess of MarTech, with its ability to crunch numbers—both at the macro and micro level—and deliver results, seem to be doing a big rethink now as the year ends. Brand delivery on the basis of data and numbers have taken companies and their promoters onto a different track altogether. Phrases such as hyper-personalisation, customer data platform, growth-hacking, and actionable analytics have become popular with the new proponents of new industries.

The startup founder has precious little time for branding. At best, branding is seen as a service. Very few think of the brand as the product itself. In the bargain, brand thinking took a back seat and the ecstasy-play with numbers became the new passion.

Is branding going to be back in the boardroom once again as a cutting- and bleeding-edge differentiator in a world that is progressively getting flat in terms of the differentiated offering? I do believe it will.

Brand managers and brand-thinkers will be in demand again. Startups of every kind will realise the ability of a brand that helps their offering stand apart from the rest. As technology brands took the route of being transactional in 2025, the year ahead promises to bring back relationships. Not yours and mine, which soured last year, but the relationships that define the umbilical connect between the brand and you as an individual user. A relationship status that shuns the transactional and moves more towards that end of the brand spectrum where companies invest in what moves people.

The recent fracas that IndiGo Airlines went through in December—where users did a quick flip from being ostensibly loyal brand-users to being very ardent, unforgiving and vitriolic critics in five days flat—is a clear case in point of the transactional brand being a weak thing to be.

For the customer then, this is good news. Brands are going to, once again, get a little more real than they have become. They will respect humans. Many will set up real call-centres once again with real people answering your real calls. The automated bots, that do little with limited interface today, are going to be relegated to a less important corner of competence. Till a self-aware and autonomous form of artificial intelligence arrives, of course. And that shall be a fun moment to wait for.

The good news then: 2026 will see responsible companies of both the heritage and new-age kind re-embrace the art, science, and philosophy of branding. 'Long-termism' is going to be back. Startup 'now-termism' is going to have a few takers. Branding is going to be back with a whimper, if not a bang.

Will small be beautiful again?

The bigger you are as a brand, the more vulnerable you will be in 2026. Big companies are already experiencing the 'ration-shop effect'—many of their old and popular brands are displaying in the markets. That very popular brand of shampoo with that exciting piece of advertising looks so ordinary and boring, as compared to that absolutely new, niche brand that comes in a bottle that is all glass and looks all-medicinal. The advertising is boring and matter-of-fact. But small, somehow, seems to be beautiful again. Expect this movement to cascade.

The big companies will worry and struggle a lot with their big brands in 2026. Many will buy into new niche brand offerings within the same category to keep their revenues and image intact. Expect big companies to break up their bigness into small little pieces of operation and brand excellence. Goliath brands will worry as the David brands take centre-stage of attention with both the Alpha and Beta generations ahead. The very process of selling will change as well. The new mantra: sell to them the way they want to buy rather than the way you want to sell.

Is brand communication going to change altogether?

The 2026 ethos in brand communication is more likely to be a bottom-up piece rather than the traditional top-down heritage. Consumers must talk about your brand. Not you. This is going to impact the big brand endorser of yore. The big film star and big cricketer gives way to the smaller influencer. You can buy 2000 small influencers on social media for the cost of that one tall and lanky film star with a baritone. What's more is that your credibility scores will go up as the smaller influencer is closer to Earth, on which the real consumer lives.

As I close this piece, look around in 2026 for the agile brand. The brand that seems more living than any others you have seen in the past. Expect this brand to be ahead of the curve of consumer thinking. A brand that is wired to perform at the speed at which society moves, jives, does the Bachata and changes.

Expect real-time reading of consumers to be a science on its own, expect intuitive branding to be an art form. Expect more authenticity than you have ever seen before in a brand relationship. Expect the brand to be more amoebic in the future than the paramecium it had become in 2025. And finally, wait for sentient branding as sentient AI takes baby-steps—all hopefully in 2026.

(Views are personal)

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TIME FOR A MILITARY VISION OF SELF

AIR VICE MARSHAL MANMOHAN BAHADUR (RETD)

Former Additional Director General, Centre for Air Power Studies

AS someone who spent four decades in uniform, I sometimes wonder why, while leadership as a subject is taught at Indian military academies, the idea of having a military vision of self is not stressed well enough, One might well say that having a vision is part of leadership training and is the same as having an aim. However, that's not so.

In these times of the omnipresent social media, religiosity is being linked with one's nationalism and the apolitical fabric of the armed forces is being severely tested—with senior leadership being photographed with politicians and spiritual heads in religious places outside cantonments.

The recent Supreme Court ruling upholding the dismissal of a young Army lieutenant for not attending the 'mandir parade' of his battalion has brought the armed forces officer cadre on the front-burner of national consciousness. In such a challenging environment, a personal vision can act as a moral compass to steer one's career in uniform with aplomb, and more importantly, in the spirit of what the Constitution expects from an officer.

Having a vision is having 'an acute sense of the possible'. A vision is aspirational—a dream that subsumes multiple aims that are stepping stones to realising one's own vision. There is an inherent element of an aching for attaining something, best expressed by the blind entrepreneur Srikanth Bolla, who said on TV, "You do not need eyesight to have a vision."

The exposure to TV and social media has made the present-day armed forces recruits different from those of yesteryears. Today's youth have an attention span of 10 minutes between commercials. However, real life is very different and is specially so in uniformed services where the daily routine is rigidly structured—reveille, go to work, follow a schedule, sleep and repeat the next day.

This is replicated over years, resulting in the atrophy of thought and enquiry, and a reduction in the excitement and novelty quotient. The antidote to this withering of individual and professional development is having a personal vision to work towards.

This achieves three objectives. First, it helps an officer to strive for excellence. Consequently, there would be an elevation in their professional status. And third, seeing them as a focused individual raises his standing in the eyes of the organisation. It must be remembered that an officer is the most transparent person in a military formation, as their actions are evaluated by subordinates round the clock. "Does my sahab walk his talk?" is the unwritten evaluation metric.

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> When religiosity is permeating the armed forces like never before and rigid discipline is at odds with shorter attention spans, it's essential for young soldiers to toughen their moral compass. Having mentors—like Ronnie Pereira was at the National Defence Academy—would help, as would the NDA cadets' old prayer

But how does one assess whether one is on the right track? While external mentors help, there is a very harsh critic within oneself who can give true feedback. Melodramatic as it may sound, but that person is the one in the mirror staring back every morning since they represent all of their subordinates looking up to them for leadership. A truthful answer to his questioning gaze on whether one lived up to the standards expected of a military personnel, would act as a personal guardrail in the endeavour to achieve one's vision.

Since vision has an osmotic effect on compatriots and juniors alike, role models help in framing one's own. Ask any service officer who was a cadet in the National Defence Academy in the early 1970s when Commodore (later Admiral) Ronald 'Ronnie' Pereira was the deputy commandant. He was a disciplinarian to the core who would dish out punishments very liberally. He was the most admired, too, because of his insistence on professionalism—one accompanied with a heart of gold when it came to looking after the well-being of cadets. Ronnie has been a role model for many, including this writer, and helped mould numerous young minds as they were launched into the roller-coaster of military life.

In the 1970s and earlier, the NDA prayer was recited by cadets at the morning squadron muster. A line in that prayer has special significance in the present times of restructuring of social mores and the intrusive role that politics has started playing in daily functioning. Besides asking the almighty to "help keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight", the prayer also asks to "awaken our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and guide us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong". The gaze of that person, staring back every morning from the mirror, has been asking—and will continue to ask—whether that harder right path has been traversed or the easier wrong track taken for illegitimate gain.

Indian military academies have their work cut out—to drill in this sentiment of right and wrong in the formulation of a personal 'vision' of every cadet under training, especially in these turbulent social media times. It would help greatly if the leadership, both military and civilian, leads by example.

The bearers of stars on military epaulettes and office-holders in the political arena must remember that they are role models for the boys and girls starting their careers in the military in a resurgent India; they deserve only the best.

(Views are personal)

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Bangladesh contrast

Ref: *Chaos roils Dhaka* (Dec 22). It's a grievous twist that Bangladesh is changing into a fanatic theocracy undoing the spirit of its roots of independence lock, stock and barrel. It's a striking contrast to commemorate the death of Sharif Osman Hadi while turning a blind eye to the barbarous lynching of Dipu Chandra Das.
U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Parliament failings

Ref: *A better session, but law making rushed* (Dec 22). The parliament session turned out to be productive even with mediocre participation in both Houses. The absence of effective debate and members' inability to represent their constituencies were major man-made failures. The loss of effective functioning hours takes a hit on taxpayers' purse.
N R Nagarajan, Sivakasi

Administrative reforms

Ref: *Nehru vs Modi: Ghosts or glory?* (Dec 21). Narratives are at odds with realities. Young people are migrating out for jobs. The Election Commission is subverted. Investigative agencies are being misused. Amid this, there are no press conferences from the leader and GDP growth claims are at variance with other indicators. We need many of the national agencies to report to multi-party parliamentary panels.
Mani K Madala, email

Pensioners' burden

Ref: *Shell out more for train travel* (Dec 22). Railway fare hikes are a burden for pensioners, especially in India, because they significantly increase travel costs for a demographic with fixed and low incomes, making essential travel more expensive. There are many who receive less in pensions than the welfare assistance in some states.
Prathap V P, email

Secular identity

Ref: *Carols across faith* (Dec 22). The column motivates readers to be secure with their own faith and extend love to people across religions. Praying for the welfare of all humanity is typical of Sanatana Dharma, not mere dogma.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Nuclear profiteering

Ref: *SHANTI'S vision* (Dec 22). The minister's arguments are about sharing the sector's benefits with investors. But compensation, if any, would be paid by the public exchequer. Ease of living is totally missing in the agenda of ease of doing business.
A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Bhupesh Baghel @bhupeshbaghel

Fight the Naxalites, that's what we all want. The path on which Naxalism is shrinking today was paved by the Congress government itself. But why do you want to bypass it?

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh

To escape the severe notoriety from the deadly, poisonous-narcotic codeine racket, the BJP folks now have just one way out: this time, they should change their own name.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath

Let us resolve that 'Vande Mataram' should not remain merely a memory of the past, but become a resolve for the future for all of us as well...

'Highways function as economic corridor'

Every ₹ invested in highways generates ₹3 in GDP, says MoS Road Harsh Malhorta at 31st edition of **Delhi Dialogues**

EAST Delhi BJP MP Harsh Malhotra speaks to editors of this newspaper about the pace of road infrastructure expansion in the country. The Union MoS of Road Transport, Highways and Corporate Affairs answers a range of questions uppermost in people's minds. **Excerpts:**

We always hear that there are a lot of initiatives to improve quality of road matching international standards. How much success have we achieved?

The progress achieved over the past decade represents a structural shift rather than incremental change. For nearly 65 years after Independence, India built around 92,000km of national highways. In contrast, over the last 11 years, the national highway network has expanded to approximately 1.46 lakh km, significantly improving connectivity across regions, including some of the country's most remote areas.

The transformation is not limited to length alone but also to pace and quality. Before 2014, highway construction progressed at an average speed of about 12 km a day. Today, that figure stands at nearly 32 km per day. At the same time, systematic widening has upgraded two-lane roads to four-lane roads and four-lane highways to six-lane highways, improving safety, speed, and capacity. The length of high-speed corridors has increased to around 2,500 km of expressways.

How has the government's focus on road connectivity, especially in Northeast, boosted economic growth, employment, and rural market access?

Special emphasis has been placed on Northeast, a region historically underserved by infrastructure. The expansion of railways to the farthest corners and the development of the Frontier Highway, connecting Manipur to Moreh on the Myanmar border, reflect this renewed focus.

Beyond connectivity, every rupee invested in highways generates nearly three rupees in GDP, making roads one of the most powerful drivers of economic growth. In the last five years, road construction has created 550 crore man-days of employment, including direct, indirect and induced jobs.

Rural connectivity has been transformative. Nearly 65% of population still lives in villages, many of which produce perishable goods. Earlier, poor roads meant that milk, fruits, and vegetables took 14-16 hours to reach markets, often resulting in spoilage and low returns. Through the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, over 7 lakh km of rural roads have been built in the last 11 years, compared to 3.5 lakh km in the previous 65 years. As a result, no village is now more than 100 km away from a major road, and farm produce can reach markets within 3-4 hours.

Highways today function as economic corridors. Industrial zones, markets, ports, and railways are increasingly integrated with road networks, creating transport hubs that improve logistics and reduce costs.

What is the rate of road accidents? This is a big concern. How can we make road travel safe?

Road safety remains a major concern, with speeding the leading cause of accidents. We have a multi-layered strategy: eliminating accident-prone "dark spots," deploying AI in highway design, and integrating smart traffic management systems. More than 14,000 dark spots, defined as locations with 10 or more fatalities annually, have been corrected.

Emergency response has expanded. A 24×7 helpline, over 4,000 ambulances on national highways, and free treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh for accident victims aim to reduce fatalities.

While you are expanding expressways and generating revenue, what steps are being taken to improve roadside amenities?

Modern highways must serve people, not just vehicles. Wayside amenities at 90-km intervals now include fuel stations, EV charging stations, toilets, food courts, truck driver dormitories, and bathing facilities. These are long-term leases. Maintenance and cleanliness are built into the model. For transporters, reduced travel time translates directly into profit. The Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will cut travel from 34 hours to 13-14 hours. When fuel is saved, pollution is reduced and productivity is doubled.

Apple has challenged a penalty imposed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI). What is the status of the digital competition framework?

The CCI will prevent monopolisation. A separate digital competition framework is under consultation, with a deeper study underway to ensure robustness.

I emphasise regulatory simplification. The MCA portal, launched in 2017, reduced the time to company incorporation from up to 100 days to under 48 hours. Eleven mandatory registrations are now bundled, enabling companies to operate immediately. Voluntary strike-off processes have been automated, with fixed timelines and deemed approvals. A single-window system now integrates clearances across ministries and states.

127 'sensitive' areas prone to wildlife fatalities in focus of rlys, forest dept

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

ALARMED by the frequent incidents of elephants and other wildlife being hit or run over by trains, the Ministry of Railways, in coordination with the Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change and other institutions, has identified 127 railway stretches passing through forest areas as 'sensitive' to wildlife fatalities.

Of these, 110 stretches fall within elephant distribution ranges, while 17 are located in two tiger range areas.

An official said that a comprehensive joint survey was also conducted to assess critical railway stretches where elephant and wildlife-train collisions have been reported frequently. The 127 sensitive railway stretches — 110 in elephant range areas and 17 in tiger range areas — together cover 3,452.4 km of railway track.

Following this identification, several measures have been adopted to prevent collisions between trains and wildlife on railway tracks. The Railways on Monday stated that works such as fencing along railway tracks passing through forest areas with frequent movement of elephants and other wildlife have been undertaken. Installation of AI-enabled devices to prevent elephants and other animals from coming close to railway tracks has also been initiated.

According to a railway official, one of the innovative measures taken is the development of an AI-enabled Intrusion Detection System (IDS) to detect the presence of elephants on railway tracks using Distributed Acoustic Sensors (DAS). He told this newspaper that the IDS system is currently operational over 141 route kilometres at critical and vulnerable locations identified by the forest department, particularly under the Northeast Frontier Railway.

Elaborating further, the official said that IDS works have been sanctioned for identified corridors covering a total length of 1,158 route kilometres at a total cost of ₹208 crore. These works cover NFR, ECOR, SR, NR, SER, NER, WR and ECR. Installation of the system is currently in progress over ECOR (349.4 route kilometres), SR (55.85 route kilometres) and NER (36 route kilometres).

Govt to curb illegal mining with new Aravalli plan: Yadav

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

FOLLOWING the controversy surrounding the recent Supreme Court order regarding the new definition of the Aravalli hills based on a "100-meter" criterion, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav stated that the order aims to restrict illegal mining. He also mentioned that the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) will develop a detailed, district-wise conservation plan for the Aravalli region in accordance with the Supreme Court's directive.

"The Supreme Court order pertains to mining and cannot be interpreted for other purposes such as residential development or restriction of agricultural lands or else," Yadav clarified to reporters today in Delhi. He accused opposition leaders of spreading misinformation and claimed that the previous Congress-led government initiated illegal mining in the Aravalli areas.

The Centre has announced a freeze on new mining leases in the region, as mandated by the Supreme Court. The ICFRE will be tasked with preparing a district-wise plan for the 37 districts where the Aravalli hills are located.

Meanwhile, the court has allowed mining under exceptional conditions. "If permitted under exceptional and scientifically justified circumstances, the order includes a thorough analysis of cumulative environmental impact, which encompasses detailed post-mining restoration and rehabilitation," explained Yadav. Mining may be allowed in the case of strategic minerals and needs related to atomic energy.

Meanwhile, the top court has reopened the judgment after petitioners appealed for a review in light of recent controversies, which may put 90% of the Aravalli region at risk of mining.

Protests in Raj dists over SC order on Aravalli range

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

The claims being made by the Union environment minister are completely misleading and far from the truth

Ashok Gehlot, Ex Rajasthan CM

Police action reported

Congress leaders, social organisations staged protests in Udaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar, Alwar and Ajmer, with police action reported at some places.

PROTESTS erupted across several districts of Rajasthan on Monday over the Supreme Court's acceptance of the Union Environment Ministry's definition of the Aravalli mountains, which limits the range to hills above 100 metres in height. This issue has also ignited a political war of words between former chief minister Ashok Gehlot and Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav.

Congress leaders, environmentalists and social organisations staged demonstrations in Udaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar, Alwar and Ajmer, with police action reported at some places. Leader of the Opposition Tikaram Jully described the Aravallis as the "lungs of Rajasthan" and warned that the agitation would intensify if the decision was not reversed.

Responding to the protests, CM Bhajanlal Sharma accused the Congress of spreading misinformation, saying, "Former CM Ashok Gehlot is misleading the public on the Aravalli issue. The state government is fully committed to protecting the Aravalli range, and no decision will be allowed that causes harm to Rajasthan's environment."

Former Leader of the Opposition Rajendra Rathore alleged that Gehlot was misinterpreting the order for political gains. Gehlot, however, in a statement issued late on Monday night, said, argued that the 100-metre definition should not be viewed in isolation and alleged that recent decisions point towards a systematic weakening of environmental safeguards.

CPM raises objection to Priyanka meeting PM on last day of session

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

SLAMMING Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for attending the tea party hosted by the BJP government after the conclusion of the Winter Session of Parliament, INDIA bloc ally CPM on Monday said the move sent a 'wrong message' when the Centre had 'bulldozed' the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Speaking to reporters in the national capital, CPM Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas said the optics of Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi sharing tea with Prime Minister Narendra Modi undermined the Opposition's collective stand against the government's handling of key legislations and parliamentary procedures during the session.

"At a time when the Opposition was protesting the manner in which crucial Bills, including those impacting MGNREGA, were pushed through Parliament, such a meeting sends a wrong signal to the public," Brittas said, adding that the interaction weakened the Opposition's narrative of resistance.

During the interaction, Priyanka Gandhi spoke to PM Modi about his foreign visits but made no mention of rehabilitation funds for Wayanad.

"Priyanka Gandhi is not a parliamentary party leader. In what capacity did she attend the meeting? She also misled other party leaders," he charged. The tea party is a customary meeting hosted by the Speaker with leaders of different parties after the end of every session on a note of cordiality and goodwill.

Noting that the Opposition parties had stayed away from tea parties hosted by presiding officers since 2024, Brittas asked what had changed now. "How could Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka attend the meeting after what we describe the G RAM G bill as the second assassination of Mahatma Gandhi? Do they want to convey that they are with the government?" he asked.

Pointing to the absence of several senior Opposition leaders, Brittas said the decision was not unanimously accepted within the INDIA bloc. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and senior DMK leaders such as T R Baalu and Kanimozhi, among others, stayed away from the event, signalling discomfort in attending the tea meeting immediately after a contentious session, he said.

The CPM leader further said that INDIA bloc partners were neither consulted nor informed in advance about the Congress leadership's participation in the tea party.

Mahatma might get removed from notes, Brittas claims

Days after the government passed a new rural jobs law replacing MGNREGA, CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas on Monday claimed that the Centre is moving towards removing Mahatma Gandhi's image from Indian currency notes. The allegation comes despite repeated denials by the RBI. Speaking to reporters, Brittas said a "high-level meeting" on the issue had already taken place.

CJI asks lawyers to approach SC registry for urgent hearing of cases

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Monday asked the lawyers to approach the Supreme Court Registry for urgent hearing. The Registry will scrutinise the reasons cited and list matters accordingly, he added.

CJI Kant made the observations while presiding over a special vacation bench along Justice Joymalya Bagchi to hear matters that required immediate judicial intervention.

As the bench commenced hearing, several lawyers started mentioning cases for urgent hearing, prompting the CJI to clarify the procedure. "We will scrutinise the reasons and list the matter accordingly," the SC said, adding that the special vacation bench was sitiing keeping in view of the urgency in the matters which needed immediate hearing.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Maha ex-minister conviction stayed

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed conviction of former Maharashtra minister Manikrao Kokate in a cheating and forgery case. A vacation bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi issued notice to the Maharashtra government on Kokate's plea and said thath e will not be disqualified as an MLA.

Plea against PM offering 'Chadar'

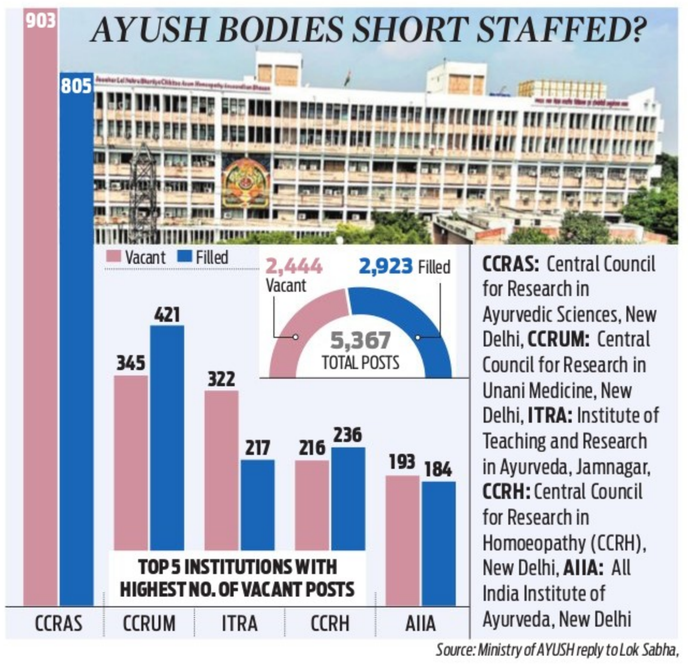
A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to restrain Prime Minister Narendra Modi from offering a ceremonial 'chadar' at the Ajmer Sharif Dargah. The matter was mentioned before a vacation bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi. "No listing today," the bench of the SC said.

The court is currently observing its winter from December 20 to January 4.

A three-judge bench led by CJI Kant, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, was hearing listing of urgent matters. "We will sit on Monday to hear the urgency in matters," the CJI said. He had also made it clear that the decision on whether one or more bench would sit on December 22, would depend on the number of genuinely urgent matters received.

What ails Ayush institutions? 45% vacant posts

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi



Source: Ministry of AYUSH reply to Lok Sabha,

RESPONDING to questions raise in Parliament the Ministry replied that India's AYUSH sector, the government arm for traditional and alternative medicine, is running with nearly half of its posts unfilled across key national institutes. Of 5,553 sanctioned posts at 19 autonomous bodies, about 2,512 are vacant and only 3,041 are currently filled, leaving a vacancy rate of roughly 45 per cent nationwide, the Ministry of AYUSH told Parliament on 5 December 2025.

The Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare's 165th Report, published by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on 12 March 2025 and laid before the Lok Sabha the same day, had earlier highlighted thousands of unfilled positions across research, academic, technical and paramedical cadres in AYUSH bodies. The largest research body, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) in New Delhi, has the most unfilled posts with 903 vacancies out of 1,708 sanctioned, meaning less than half the positions are occupied. Other research councils and institutes show similar shortfalls.

The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) in Jamnagar is operating with nearly 60 per cent of its posts vacant, while the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi has close to 193 unfilled positions. In the North-East, the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR) at Pasighat has 76 out of 90 posts vacant and the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy (NEIAH) in Shillong is short-staffed by more than a third.

The ministry noted that autonomous bodies follow their own recruitment rules and procedures and have been filling gaps temporarily by hiring contractual staff. The absence of a central time-bound plan for regular recruitment was evident in the reply.

Experts outside Parliament have also pointed to serious staff deficits in autonomous government health bodies in India, including AYUSH, with shortages affecting operations and service delivery. Separation between policy framing at the centre and implementation at institute level has been flagged in media reports.

RURAL POLLS

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring alleged the ruling AAP in state "abused power and manipulated the election process" to win the recent zila parishad and panchayat samiti elections.

2 GURUKUL TO BE SET UP IN MP FOR SANSKRIT & VEDA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	15	Mumbai	24	16
Bhopal	27	12	Panaji	24	17
Jaipur	28	14	Patna	28	13
Amritsar	23	08	Lucknow	28	11
Chennai	22	18	Port Blair	18	17
Kolkata	26	18	Imphal	19	07
Srinagar	11	07	Chandigarh	24	08

Kabir floats party as Didi reaches out to minorities

BJP is trying to play divisive politics, says Mamata, calling for unity

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday urged minorities to remain united amid concerns of a possible split in minority votes ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. Her appeal came on the same day suspended Trinamool MLA Humayun Kabir announced the launch of his new political platform, JanatarUnnyan Party (JUP), barely four months before the polls.

Addressing TMC BLAs, Banerjee said, "Don't get panicked. I am telling you to make a decision and get united against the BJP." Accusing BJP of attempting to divide minority voters, the CM added, "BJP is trying to play division politics among you. But you have to be united against them."

Humayun Kabir, the TMC legislator from Bharatpur, was recently suspended from the party for anti-party activities. These included allegedly making communal statements and laying the foundation stone of a mosque at Beldanga in Murshidabad district, reportedly modelled after the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya. On Monday, Kabir formally announced name of his new party, JUP.

At a public meeting in Beldanga, Kabir announced that his party would field eight candidates in the 2026 Assembly elections. He said he himself would contest from Rejinagar and Beldanga in Murshidabad district and that more candidates would be announced soon. According to Kabir, the JUP plans to contest in 90 Assembly constituencies.

"People have already dethroned the Congress, now they will also bring TMC and BJP down from power in the state and the Centre, respectively. My party will fight for the cause of common people in the state," Kabir said.

He added that 'table' would be the symbol of his party and that an application would be submitted to the Election Commission of India seeking recognition. Rose could be used as an alternative symbol if 'table' is not approved. Kabir had earlier contested the 2016 Assembly elections as an Independent candidate using the same symbol.

Political observers believe the JUP's emergence could significantly impact the Trinamool Congress's vote base, particularly in minority-dominated districts. Murshidabad, with nearly 70 per cent Muslim voters, is seen as posing a serious challenge to the Trinamool Congress.

'May have wide impact on TMC vote bank'

The JUP may have wide impact on Trinamool Congress vote bank particularly in minority-dominated assemblies in districts like Murshidabad, Malda, South Dinajpur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas, said political observers. Murshidabad district with around 70 per cent Muslim votes poses serious threat to Trinamool Congress poll prospects with formation of the JUP, observers felt.

Nitish along with Lalan and Samrat meet Modi in Delhi

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the second day of his two-day visit to New Delhi. Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary and Union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lallan Singh were also present.

This was Nitish's first meeting with the Prime Minister in New Delhi after the Bihar assembly elections. NDA leaders, however, dismissed the Congress charge, calling it a courtesy meeting.

Bihar Congress on Monday took a swipe at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi, alleging that the talks were aimed at manipulating upcoming elections.

The Bihar Congress president Rajesh Ram has also alleged, "Now top leaders of the ruling alliance are holding meetings to chalk out strategies to rig the coming elections, including Rajya Sabha and state legislative council."

The party sources said discussions focused on Bihar's development, coordination between the Centre and the state, Rajya Sabha elections due in April next year, cabinet expansion, and legislative council elections.

Yogi takes on Akhilesh & Rahul, Oppn counters with 'cracks in BJP' jibe

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday rejected allegations by Leader of the Opposition Mata Prasad Pandey that deaths had occurred due to the consumption of fake medicines and codeine syrup, asserting in the Assembly that no such case had come to the notice of the state government so far.

Responding to the Samajwadi Party's claims during the discussion, Yogi said the issue was being raised without proper study. "What is the question, and what issues are being raised? One should come after a full study," he said. Without naming anyone, the chief minister made a sharp political remark, saying there were "two examples in the country, one in Delhi and one in Lucknow", who "leave the nation when discussions begin". "I feel the same happens with your leader," he told opposition.

About 40 minutes later, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav responded on X, calling the remark inappropriate. "Those holding constitutional positions should not cross the limits of propriety. BJP members should not bring internal party disputes to the public," he wrote, linking Yogi's comment to what he described as the BJP's "Delhi-Lucknow fight". In the House, Yogi denied any deaths in Uttar Pradesh due to codeine syrup and said the biggest wholesaler had been granted a licence in 2016, during the Samajwadi Party government. On Akhilesh's challenge to act against the syrup mafia, he said, "Bulldozer action will come at the right time. Then do not raise slogans against it."

The CM said licences to the accused wholesaler Vibhore Rana were issued under the previous SP regime and referred to viral photographs showing an accused, Sipahi Alok Singh, with Akhilesh Yadav. He said action had been taken under the NDPS Act, and 77 accused had been arrested. "No one will be spared," he asserted. Later, Mata Prasad Pandey objected to the CM's remarks, while Speaker Satish Mahana said no names were taken and challenged the opposition to substantiate claims of deaths. SP MLAs then staged a walkout.

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Nitin Nabin to stage roadshow in Patna

Roadshows have emerged as a preferred tool for political parties. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes a lead, other leaders are not behind when it comes to organising road shows. Newly-appointed BJP's working national president Nitin Nabin will also stage a roadshow in Patna on Tuesday during his maiden visit to the state after assuming his new post. Whether road show is more effective than a public meeting for attracting people towards political parties, particularly during elections, remains debatable. Although there is no easy answer to it, the better option will become evident with time.

Prashant Kishor to meet Priyanka Gandhi again

Jan Suraaj Party (JSP)'s founder Prashant Kishor has played his role meaningfully in assisting political parties win elections but has failed miserably to prove himself in the recently concluded Bihar Assembly election. However, the performance of Congress with which he was hobnobbing before embarking on a journey across Bihar and launching his own party was dismal. Now, there's speculation over a second meeting between Kishor and Gandhi. No leader from either party confirmed it but the moot question is whether it will make any difference. While die hard optimists are putting forward arguments, some political pundits claim two zeros will not add up to one.

Prakash Parv preps in state reaches final stage

Bihar government has started final preparations for the 359th Prakash Parv of Shri Govind Singh Ji Maharaj at Patna Sahib, which is to be attended by thousands of Sikh devotees from the country and abroad. State Tourism department minister Arun Shankar Prasad held a high-level meeting to assess arrangements and ensure that pilgrims face no difficulty during their visit. During discussions focussed on issues related to providing good facilities, maintaining cleanliness and ensuring strong security. State tourism department officials said that a dedicated tent city is being set up to facilitate the pilgrims' stay.

Uddhav reaches out to Rahul for united BMC fight

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER losing the local body elections, Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut dialled Rahul Gandhi, asking for an alliance in the BMC elections that are scheduled on January 15 next year.

In the local body elections, BJP has emerged as the single largest party by winning 117 Nagar Panchayat presidents, while DCM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena won 53 Nagar Panchayat presidents, and DCM Ajit Pawar-led NCP has won 37 Nagar Parishad presidents. In Maha Vikas Aghadi, Congress has bagged the highest 41 Nagar Parishad president posts, while Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena has won only eight and Sharad Pawar-led NCP SP has won nine.

After winning 41 Nagar Panchayat presidents in local body elections, Congress has announced that it will contest the BMC election on its own. It has planned to tie up with Prakash Ambedkar-led Bahujan Vanchit Aghadi to garner the Dalit and minority votes.

Shiv Sena (UBT) is concerned about the outcome of the BMC because the Uddhav Thackeray-led party has controlled the BMC for the last 25 years.

Sawant on front foot as BJP single largest party in Goa rural body polls

SUDHIR SUYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN Goa's rural local body–Zilla Parishad's–elections, BJP has consolidated its position by emerging as the single largest party with 23 out of 50 seats, while Congress has won nine seats, and the remaining seats were won by regional parties and independent candidates. The outcome of the rural body election will consolidate the incumbent chief minister Pramod Sawant's position in the state.

AAP was able to open its account in the Goa rural body polls by winning one seat in Colva, where its candidate Antonio Fernandes emerged victorious.

The BJP has secured the highest number of seats, but its total tally has plummeted from the previous record of 33 seats to 23 seats in this election. On the other hand, the Congress tally has gone up from previous elections, from four to nine seats. The rural body election was held for two Zilla Parishad constituencies—North Goa and South Goa—where over six lakh people vested their votes.

BJP has won the 13 seats in North Goa and 11 seats in South Goa, while Congress has won eight seats in South Goa and only one seat in North Goa. BJP had made alliance with Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party, while Congress has tied up with Goa Forward Party.

More than six lakh voters turned out in the elections, recording a turnout of 72.6 per cent in North Goa and 68.9 per cent in South Goa. The first ZP elections in 2005 saw a turnout of 51.2 per cent, while the second-highest participation was recorded in 2015 at 66.4 per cent. A total of 226 candidates contested for 50 ZP seats.

'Split in opposition votes'

Goa-based senior journalist Kishor Gaonkar said that the split in opposition votes helped BJP to emerge as the single largest party despite the fact that BJP was not able to match its previous poll tally. He said that for the present 23 seats, the major contributors are the strong individual leaders of BJP that came from Congress.

Ex-IG of Punjab loses ₹8 cr in online fraud, attempts suicide

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER allegedly losing ₹8.10 crore to cyber fraudsters, Amar Singh Chahal, a former IGP and one of the accused in the 2015 Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura firing cases, reportedly attempted suicide in Patiala.

Sources said that Chahal was rushed to Park Hospital with a serious chest injury. He is undergoing treatment after he tried to shoot himself. Doctors said he continues to be critical. In a hand written note recovered from the scene, he called himself a victim of some cyber financial fraud. He detailed the circumstances that led to him taking this extreme step.

Addressed to PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the note read that he was defrauded by what he described as a "highly sophisticated gang of scammers." He had joined a WhatsApp group operating under the name of an "IPS group," where members promised exceptionally high returns on investments. In a separate twelve-page note sent to his friends, addressed to Punjab DGP, Gaurav Yadav he wrote, "At the outset, I regret that I did not use due caution while parting with my money. Actually I saw this group every active of whatsapp and telegram. They were claiming to represent a group authorised by the Government of India and SEBI (as per them) to educate and help retail investors earn good money from capital markets.''

Chahal added that from around October 28, a person impersonating a senior executive of a private bank and using the executive's photograph was giving tips on capital markets every day, whereby they explained stock market and other factor effecting Indian markets. The note read, "Since this is very sophisticated scamster's group a dedicated SIT can only solve the network and bring people to book. If your good self may find it proper it could even be entrusted to CBI or specialised cell in Punjab Police."

Patiala SSP Varun Sharma, said, "When we received information about the gunshot, teams reached his residence. He was shifted to a private hospital in critical condition." Chahal retired as Inspector General of Police and is one of the accused in the 2015 Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura firing cases in Faridkot. An SIT led by ADGP L K Yadav had filed a chargesheet in a Faridkot court on February 24, 2023, naming Chahal along with several others including ex-CM Parkash Singh Badal, and others.

HIS STORY IN SUICIDE NOTE

- Scam allegedly operated via WhatsApp 'IPS group' promising high returns
- 'Highly sophisticated' cyber scam, organised investment fraud
- Impersonator posed as senior private bank executive
- Group claims to be authorised by Govt of India and SEBI
- Urges SIT or CBI probe into cyber fraud

IMPOSTOR USED THE EXECUTIVE'S PHOTOGRAPH TO APPEAR CREDIBLE

U'khand sitting like mute spectator on forest land grabbing case, says SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court slammed the Uttarakhand government on Monday over the grabbing of forest land by private parties, after noting that the state government and its authorities were sitting like "mute spectators". The court initiated a suo motu case in the matter.

The case in which this observation was made relates to 2,866 acres of forest land in Uttarakhand, a part of which was leased out to an organisation named Pashu Lok Seva Samiti.

A two-judge vacation bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and having Justice Joymalya Bagchi along with him, directed the Uttarakhand chief secretary and the principal conservation secretary to form an inquiry committee and submit a report. "What is shocking to us is that the state of Uttarakhand and authorities are sitting like mute spectators when forest land is being grabbed in front of their eyes. Thus, we initiate a suo motu case," the bench noted.

The bench told the government counsel to assess the situation. "The committee will have to submit a report after assessing the situation. This could enable the court to assess the scale of the alleged encroachment of forest land and how state authorities have responded," it said.

Directing that all the construction on forest land be stopped immediately, the court added that "the vacant land, other than residential houses, shall be taken into possession by the Forest Department and concerned collector". It fixed the matter for further hearing for January 5.

The Pashu Lok Seva Samiti informed the court that it had allotted parcels of the land to its members, but after the organisation came under liquidation, it surrendered 594 acres to the Forest Department on October 23, 1984.

Grassroots sports at zero in Gujarat, says data

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

ALTHOUGH Ahmedabad was elevated as the official host of 2030 Commonwealth Games at the Commonwealth Sport General Assembly in Glasgow, data placed before the Rajya Sabha exposes a stark domestic reality: Gujarat's grassroots sports ecosystem, at least on paper, is virtually non-existent.

The approval came with clarity between 15 and 17 disciplines, spanning athletics, para-sports, swimming, gymnastics, weightlifting, boxing and netball, are slated for Ahmedabad-2030, promising inclusivity, scale and spectacle. However, just as the international spotlight brightened, a parallel set of numbers dimmed the celebration.

Figures formally presented in the House on Thursday by the Union Sports Ministry, tell a sharply different story one rooted not in aspiration, but in absence. According to the government, Gujarat currently has zero Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centres (STCs). Besides, extension centres, meant to bridge talent gaps, barely register. The state has just one extension centre, yet it reports zero residential athletes and non-residential athletes, across both genders.

Infrastructure exists in name, participation does not exist in numbers. SAI adopted akharas also reflects a complete vacuum. In totality, every grassroots pipeline meant to feed elite performance shows a flat line. The only measurable presence comes at the very top: two National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs). Yet even this lone data point underscores the imbalance elite-level facilities standing tall, while feeder systems beneath them remain statistically invisible.

This contradiction is not cosmetic; it is structural.

On one side, Gujarat prepares to host events in athletics, para-athletics, swimming, para-swimming, table tennis, para-table tennis, bowls, para-bowls, weightlifting, para-powerlifting, artistic gymnastics, netball and boxing sports that demand deep talent pools, long-term athlete development and robust training ecosystems.

On the other, Parliament is told that the state has no SAI-supported grassroots athletes at all. The numbers raise a blunt question: Can a state leap directly to hosting a mega multi-sport event while its foundational athlete pipeline records zero?

Ahmedabad's Commonwealth Games dream, therefore, stands split between vision and verification global approval abroad, but domestic data at home that demands urgent scrutiny, course correction and transparency. Stadiums can be built on timelines but athletes cannot be built on announcements alone.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Late **Sri. Polya Ganapathi Bhat,** sole proprietor of the firm M/s. P GANAPATHI BHAT & CO, having its principal place of business at No.887, First Floor, Dr. Modi Hospital Road, WOC 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560086, expired on 24.10.2025. Smt. Sridevi Bhat W/o. Late Polya Ganapathi Bhat has agreed to sell and transfer her entire share and rights of the M/s. P GANAPATHI BHAT & CO, in favour of Smt. Shilpa Hosamane vide Sale Deed and continue business under the same name and style or any other name as permitted by law.

Any person/s having any objection, claim or interest in respect of the above transfer of goodwill are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing with supporting documents within 08 (Eight) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no objections and the proposed transfer shall be completed without further reference.

R. Raghunath Rao Advocate

NEXT DATE OF HEARING ; 19.01.2026
FORM III-A
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
AT BENGALURU
WRIT PETITION NO. 9497/2020
[KLR RES]
[Notice under Rule 13(a) proviso]

PETITIONERS : SRI T.S. NARAYANA REDDY S/O SUBBARAYAPPA, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/AT TAVAREKERE VILLAGE, KUDUMALA POST, MULBAGAL TALUK, KOLAR DISTRICT - 563 131. AND ANOTHER.

By Sri. K. ABHINAV ANAND, ADV., Vs

RESPONDENTS: 1. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT, KG ROAD, BENGALURU-560009. AND 11 OTHERS.

To

Respondent No.: 9

9. SMT LAKSHMAMMA W/O LATE VENKATARAMANAPPA AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, R/AT. SIDDAPURA VILLAGE, VARTHUR HOBLI, BENGALURU EAST TALUK -560087.

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the constitution of India, has been registered by this Court.

Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this case, at **10.30 A.M.** in the forenoon on **19.01.2026** to show cause why rule nisi should not be issued.

If you fail so to appear on the said date or any subsequent date to which the matter may be posted as directed by the Court, without any further notice, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided on merits in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court on 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
WRIT UNIT - III

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public and parties to the case is hereby informed that, below mentioned advocate has been appointed as court commissioner by the Hon'ble LXIV Addl City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-65), Bengaluru in Execution Petition No. 2327/2022 to conduct public auction in respect of the following schedule B and C properties on 24-1-2026 at 11:30 a.m on the spot of the schedule property as per the order passed by the Hon'ble court.

The Reserve price of the schedule B and C properties is fixed at Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees thirty five lakhs only).

Therefore, i hereby called upon the General public and decree holders and judgment debtors to participate in Public auction of sale of Schedule B and C Properties "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" on above mentioned date and time. The successive bidder has to deposit Rs.5,00,000/- EMD out of bid amount by way of DD in the name of THE REGISTRAR CITY CIVIL COURT BENGALURU, with the court commissioner on the same day at spot and the balance sale amount shall be deposit as directed by the Hon'ble court within stipulated time fixed after the court sale on 2-2-2026 at 11:00 A.M before the Hon'ble court.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Property bearing Site No.6 & 7, (old BBMP Katha No. No.750/11/2/6, No.749/11/2/7), Presently bears clubbed common BBMP Katha No.750/11/2/6,7, converted Sy.No.11/2, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN SR/310/1976-77, and ALN SR 108/1976-77, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward. No.7, measuring East to West 70.2 feet and North to South 202 feet, together totally measuring about 14180.4 Sq.feet with apartment consisting of silt, ground and three upper floors and bounded on : **East by :** Sy.No.11/3 **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.5 **South by :** Sy.No.12/1

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

280 square feet Undivided Right, Title and interest in the land mentioned in Schedule "A" Property above i.e. proportionate to built-up area.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No.403, 2-BHK, West facing, situated in the fourth floor, having super built up area 1214 square feet, constructed on the schedule A property with RCC Roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring, together with one covered car parking space in the basement /silt floor, along with rights in common areas, such as passages, lobbies lift, staircase, club house, etc. in the Residential Apartment Building constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as "PINE RIDGE" and bounded on: **East by -** Sy. No.11/3 **West by-** Passage and thereafter Flat No. 408 **North by -** Staircase, **South by -** Flat No. 404

Court Commissioner.
Basavaraju S.N, Advocate
ROL NO. KAR NO. 2867/2000
No.37, 2nd Floor, Mayura Nivas, 4th Main Road, 3rd Cross Road, Chamarajpete, Bengaluru -560018 Phone No.9343445558

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Gulab Jan W/o Mahammed D/o. Late Bashu Sab,** Aged about 58 years R/at, Razak Sab Palya, Jala Hobli, Bagalur Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North District, and another have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Late. **Abdul Sattar S/o Late Abdul Kareem who died on 18.06.1974** at Buden Sab Palya, Jala Hobli, Bagalur Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengalur North District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **12.02.2026 at 11 A.M. in C.Misc No. 649/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Haseen Taj, Advocate

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XIX ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AND SESSION COURT (CCH-18) AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 527/2025

BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Sharada S Aihole, W/o. Late Mallikarjuna.S, Residing at C/o. Mallikarjuna, Aged about 45 Years, Natekar, V2 Rudra Nilaya, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Mydala Road, Opp. Ravi Darshan Apartment, Sanjaya Nagara, Kyatasandra, Tumakuru - 572 104. **2. Master. Jayanth M. Natekar,** S/o Late Mallikarjuna S, Aged about 14 Years (Minor). Residing at, C/o Mallikarjuna Natekar, V2 Rudra Nilaya 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Mydala Road, Opp. Ravi Darshan Apartment, Sanjaya Nagara, Kyatasandra, Tumakuru-572 104. Represented by Petitioner No.1 ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING PETITION FOR GRANT OF SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE

Whereas the above named petitioners have filed a petition before this Hon'ble court praying for the grant of a succession Certificate in Respect of the movable assets (Fixed Deposits and Savings Accounts Balance) left behind by the deceased Sri.Mallikarjuna.S @ Mallikarjuna Natekar, who died on 07-04-2025. Petitioner No.1 is the wife Petitioner No.2 is the minor son of Late Sri. Mallikarjuna's @ Mallikarjuna Natekar.

The deceased's assets, comprising sing bank deposits /securities held at State bank of India, Peenya Branch, Bengaluru, amount to a total sum of Rs. 55,69,460/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty only), as detailed in this schedule annexure to the petition.

Any person who objects to the grant of the said succession Certificate in favour of the petitioners or has any claim to the said assets is hereby called upon to appear personally or through an advocate before this Hon'ble court on or before the **06-01-2026** at 11:00 A.M and file his written statement of objection, failing which the petition shall be proceeded with according to law.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Fixed Deposit Account No. as per the bank	Total balance under the said Fixed Deposit Account No. Amount in Rs
1.	10308194753	78534.15
2.	36954434925	300000
3.	37094642231	470000
4.	37334498560	50000
5.	37564249735	50000
6.	37634554058	50000
7.	37849918320	91500
8.	37912147865	46345
9.	38042261430	55000
10.	38224873800	42495
11.	38308772150	200000
12.	38666494944	80000
13.	38750806730	50000
14.	390477794944	30000
15.	39047780339	30000
16.	39196589944	70000
17.	39635664893	50000
18.	39849167706	50000
19.	39849260273	70000
20.	39992825060	50000
21.	40058677147	50000
22.	40058680069	32747.51
23.	40118655662	50000
24.	40176971053	50000
25.	40216211454	50000
26.	40228766648	50000
27.	40274688176	50000
28.	40342826609	50000
29.	40342856113	44000
30.	40417987675	50000
31.	40417925573	35000
32.	40494412741	50000
33.	40624419094	50000
34.	40764462640	100000
35.	40764482588	50000
36.	40764500132	40000
37.	40966474259	50000
38.	41104523790	35000
39.	41254733307	50000
40.	41254567338	49000
41.	41331231652	50000
42.	41331250325	25000
43.	41420987355	100000
44.	41520576179	50000
45.	41573213397	75000
46.	41649772963	100000
47.	41731731376	70000
48.	41812299241	80000
49.	41890702260	120000
50.	41980167672	90000
51.	42069498708	130008
52.	42276632148	105007
53.	42496644153	120000
54.	42759024222	100000
55.	42883204972	162000
56.	42961879879	105000
57.	43044006343	95823
58.	43124271201	110000
59.	43258920876	100000
60.	43326726386	47000
61.	43434320698	60000
62.	43503100164	100000
63.	43696784870	255000
64.	43780750635	220000
65.	43898602527	200000
	TOTAL	55,69,460/-

Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Four hundred and Sixty only.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble court on 15-12-2025.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Sri. VINAYAK KULKARNI, Advocate
#794, 11th Cross Rajajinagar, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru-560086.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
 # 11/90, 3nd Floor, Opp.: Trust Well Hospital, J. C. Road, Bengaluru – 560002
Ph. No. : 080 25943663, Fax. : 080 25943664
E-mail : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to the Paper Publication of **Sale Notice of M/s. Ultra The S'tile Studio, Dated 13-11-2025 in The New Indian Express and Samyuktha Karnataka, Bangalore Edition on 20-11-2025** and the **E-Auction of the** following properties stands **Cancelled** due to administrative reasons.

Property No. 2 - Tender No : SBI/SARB/2025-26/144 - Property ID : SBIN200230340690
Property No. 3 - Tender No : SBI/SARB/2025-26/145 - Property ID : SBIN404731372455

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager, **State Bank of India,** Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

Date : 22.12.2025 | Place : Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Sri M Ganesh** S/o V Mohan, Aged 46 Years Residing at No 7, 2nd main, 5th Cross, BM Kaval, Michael Palya, Indira Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560038 has lost Original Sale Deeds bearing document No's HSK-1-01551-2008-09 stored in CD No HSKD113 registered before Sub Registrar Hoskote on 17.07.2008 , HSK-1- 08589-2011-12 stored in CD No HSKD235 registered before Sub Registrar Hoskote on 02.02.2012 , HSK-1-05576-2012-13 stored in CD No HSKD301 registered before Sub Registrar Hoskote on 22.09.2012 and HSK-1- 07496-2012-13 stored in CD No HSKD319 registered before Sub Registrar Hoskote on 20.11.2012 the said document with respect to Property no 25/11, Serial no 683, Janjaru 775, Sametha Halli, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural measuring East to West 16 ½ feet and North to South 33 feet Totally Measuring 544.5 Sq feet. In this regard an online Police Complaint have also been lodged in Bangalore Police Unit on 17/12/2025 registered as lost report bearing no. 1961582/2025.

If any person has any claim or holding of the afore said documents may contact the under signed with in Ten days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

ANANTHA KASHYAP .H.K, Advocate
No 3/2," Thimmaiah Towers", 2nd Floor, Office No.02, 1st cross Gandhinagar Bengaluru- 560009. Ph:9538396569

Deptt.of Water Resources,

A-1174 Government of Odisha

"e" Procurement Notice No. ACEDC-CTC- 08/ 2025-26

1.	Name of the Works	: **Total 02 (Two) nos.** Drainage work.
2.	Estimated cost	: Rs. 503.22 lakh to Rs. 648.20 lakh
3.	Period of Completion	: **18 (Eighteen) months**
4.	Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.30 hours of Dt. 24.12.2025 to 18.00 hours of Dt. 08.01.2026
5.	Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal	: 18.00 hours of Dt. 08.01.2026
6.	Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid	: Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Gandarpur, Cuttack-753003. e-mail id :- sedrainagecirclectc@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal of Odisha Government **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** All information, notices, addendum, corrigendum, cancellation notice etc. if required, will be published in this portal.

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer
Drainage Circle, Cuttack

OIPR-32174/11/0046/2526

IN THE COURT OF VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-11)
P & S.C. No. 671/2025

BETWEEN : Smt. Naga Saritha K P, D/o late K V Prakash, W/o G.H. Janardhana, Aged about 46 years, Residing at No.5, 5007 Nandi Deepa Apartment, Doddakammanahalli Road, Near Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore -560076 **...PETITIONER**

AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

SUMMONS OR NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC AGAINST ANY INTERESTED PARTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above Petitioner have filed a Petition under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 to obtain a Succession Certificate in respect of bank accounts and Fixed Deposits which are described more fully in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property" maintained and operated by her deceased father viz., Late. K.V. Prakash S/o K.P.Venkatachala Shetty who died on 31/5/2025 leaving behind the Petitioner as his only surviving Legal heir. Any interested party/ies are hereby notified or summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the proceedings on **31/01/2026** to answer the claims of the Petitioner before the court of the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-11) at near Vishveshvaraiaya Metro station, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru -560009. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day above mentioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

LIST OF BANK ACCOUNTS SAVING AND FIXED DEPOSITS HELD BY LATE K.V.PRAKASH

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	Branch	Account Number	Amount in Rupees
01.	DCB Bank	Jayanagar branch, Bangalore	08211100001519	34,66,726/-
02.	DCB Bank	Jayanagar branch, Bangalore	08238400003476	5,00,000/-
03.	DCB Bank	Jayanagar branch, Bangalore	08238400003483	5,00,000/-
04.	DCB Bank	Jayanagar branch, Bangalore	08238400001816	2,00,000/-
05.	DCB Bank	Jayanagar branch, Bangalore	08238400001793	3,00,000/-
			Total	49,66,726/-

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT ON THIS DATE :10/12/2025

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for the Petitioner : Shashank. R
Pavamana Associates, Advocates,
#141-2/1, 1st Floor, 6th and 7th Main, 33rd Cross, 4th Block Jayangar, Bangalore - 560011

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **17635/DMA/66/SWM/2016-17** ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22.12.2025**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯವರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತು ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಖರೀದಿಸುವ ವಾಹನ, ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣ, ಸಾಧನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಲಕರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮೂರನೇ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯವರಿಂದ ತಪಾಸಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಲು ತಗಲುವ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ **(Indent No. DMA/2025-26/SE6925)** ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.12.2025 ರಿಂದ 30.12.2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ತಮ್ಮ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:31.12.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ತದನಂತರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಮೇಲಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ವಾರ್ತಾ/ಸುದ್ದಿ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

DIPR/CP/4622/Zen/2025-26

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
BRUTANG & HADUA IRRIGATION PROJECT, DASAPALLA
E-mail: ccebhip@gmail.com

No. 1362 **Notice Inviting Tender** Date: 16.12.2025

"e" Procurement Notice No. CCE-BHIP-04(01-03)/2025-26 Dt.16.12.2025

A-1151: Invites online percentage rate tender in double cover through e-procurement for execution of the Civil, PH & Electrical works.

1	Name of the Works:	02(Two) number of buildings works and 01(one) number of Road Work
2	Approximate Estimated cost:	Rs.1.84 Crore to 3.24 Crores
3	Period of Completion:	Varies from 06(six) months to 11 (eleven) months
4	Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal:	From 11.00 hours of Dt. 24.12.2025 to 17.00 hours of Dt.15.01.2026
5	Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal:	17.00 hours of Dt. 15.01.2026
6	Date of Opening of Technical Bid:	11:00 Hours of 16.01.2026
7	Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid	Chief Construction Engineer, Brutang & Hadua Irrigation Project, Dasapalla, Nayagarh-752084, e-mail id :- ccebhip@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal of Odisha Government https://tendersodisha.gov.in. All information, notices, addendum, corrigendum. cancellation notice etc. if required, will be published in this portal.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Brutang & Hadua Irrigation Project, Dasapalla

OIPR- 32535/11/0015/2526

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(O)Z/TKR/EE(Civil)/25-26/Cys-15 Date: 18.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Bid on electronic mode for the sub-station yard maintenance work in Tumakuru Transmission (Operations) Zone against bid enquiry number: **KPTCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3098.**

The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **http://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E-Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **22.12.2025 at 11.30 hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours. All Corrigendum/ Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL,"Prasarana Bhavana", 1st Floor, Tumakuru 66/11kV S/s Premises, Tumakuru-572 103.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (II FL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Devanahalli Narayanaswamy Krishna Lasyavi Enterprise, Mrs. Channappa Rajeshwari, Mrs. Tharahunise Thirumalappa Sumithra **(Prospect No IL10635509)**	All that piece and parcel of Property E Swathu No. 150300302600600070, No. 399/1, Lakshmidevipura Village, Hadonahalli, Doddabalapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-561205 Area Admeasuring (in Sq.Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 3359.00, 780.00, 1040.00	**Rs.2766197/-**(Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	18-08-2025	20-12-2025
Mr. Thippanna Nayaka Ravichandra Chethan Multimedia Tech Services, Mr. Muniyappa Thippanna Nayaka, Mr. Thippanna Sunil Kumar, Mrs. Harshitha J R Mrs. Supritha N **(Prospect No IL10343343)**	All that piece and parcel of Survey no.1, Survey no 1/2, Bhuvanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-562300 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area Property Area: 43560	**Rs.5313214/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Only)	12-06-2025	20-12-2025

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

PLACE : BANGALORE | Date : 23.12.2025 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Limited**

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NEXT DATE OF HEARING ; 19.01.2026
FORM III-A
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
AT BENGALURU
WRIT PETITION NO. 9497/2020
[KLR RES]
[Notice under Rule 13(a) proviso]

PETITIONERS : SRI T.S. NARAYANA REDDY S/O SUBBARAYAPPA, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, R/AT TAVAREKERE VILLAGE, KUDUMALA POST, MULBAGAL TALUK, KOLAR DISTRICT - 563 131. AND ANOTHER.

By Sri. K. ABHINAV ANAND, ADV., Vs

RESPONDENTS: 1. THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT, KG ROAD, BENGALURU-560009. AND 11 OTHERS.

To

Respondent No.: 12

12. SMT KALAVATHI D/O LATE VENKATARAMANAPPA AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, BHOGANAHALLI VILLAGE, VARTHUR HOBLI, BENGALURU EAST TALUK -560087.

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the constitution of India, has been registered by this Court.

Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this case, at **10.30 A.M.** in the forenoon on **19.01.2026** to show cause why rule nisi should not be issued.

If you fail so to appear on the said date or any subsequent date to which the matter may be posted as directed by the Court, without any further notice, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided on merits in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court on 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
WRIT UNIT - III

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri.Girisha.B** S/o.Basavaiah intend to purchase the schedule property from the lawful owner Sri.K.Yeshwanth S/o. Late. M.D. Krishnegowda, **Smt. L. Usha,** W/o. Late. **M.D. Krishnegowda, Smt.Kavya Kirhsnegowda,** D/o. Late. **M.D. Krishnegowda, Smt. Vijayamma,** W/o. Late. H.R. Ramesh, **Smt. Sunitha.R,** D/o . Late.H.R.Ramesh and Smt. Sushmitha D/o. Late.H.R.Ramesh.

Therefore, I hereby call upon the general public that if any person has any manner of legal right, title, or claim over above property, shall submit their objections and claims if any with complete records in support of their claim, within Seven days from today, to the address mentioned below. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that no one has any claim over the schedule property, and thereafter my client will proceed with the purchase, and no claims of whatsoever nature shall be entertained subsequently.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No.27, formed out of property No.45, khatha No.337, House list No.27, BBMP E-Khatha vide E-PID No.2840890035, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 66 feet, in totally 2640 Sq. feet, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes under B.B.M.P Limits, Radhakrishna Layout, Padmanabanagar, Bangalore -560070 and bounded on:

East by : Remaining portion of same Site No.27,
West by : Site No.26,
North by : Site No.18,
South by : Road

REDDY & REDDY ASSOCIATES
BABU.C, Advocate
S-5, No.1, 2nd FLOOR, "THIMMAIAH CHAMBERS" 1st Cross, 1st main, GANDHINAGARA, Bangalore- 560 009.
Mob: 9916688830,
Email:- babureddy.law5@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client **Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chaudhry** while travelling from Sadaramangala to Banaswadi has irretrievably lost the original un registered **Assignment Agreements,** dated: 20.08.2007 & 25.07.2011 & **GPA,** Dated: 20.06.2005 in respect of **Apt No.23114,** Block-23, **"Wellington Place", in Prestige Shanthiniketan,** Situated at: Hoodi & Sadaramangala Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and has filed Lost Report bearing No 1962560/2025, dated: 17/12/2025, online KSP-Bengaluru City Unit- Banaswadi -PS limits.

If any person /s have/has found the said original document kindly inform the undersigned.

PRADHAN LAW ASSOCIATES
4, Banaswadi 100 Feet Road, Bangalore -43
DAYANAND.G.S, Advocate
Mobile No: 7892646402

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client **Smt. Saraswathamma,** W/o Late H. Rajanna, Aged about 57 years Residing at No.#1038/37, Pipe Line Road, 5th Cross, Srinagara, Bangalore- 560 050, hereby informs that, the Original Registered Gift Deed dated 23.12.2010 bearing Document No.BSG-1-02272-2010-11 of Book-1, Stored in CD No.BSGD138 in the office of sub-registrar Basavanagudi, Bangalore, which have been lost/ misplaced on 22.12.2025, while traveling from Chamarajpet to Vijayanagar Bus. My client has also lodged a police complaint No.1970639/2025 on 22.12.2025 before Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.

Sri. Fliestun Joseph Rebello Advocate
"JUSTICIA ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS",
No. 1/1, 2nd Floor, 14th Main, East of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560 040
M : 9481517330

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
Mangalore Division, Mangalore

No.KST/MNG/TR/COM/2536/2025-26 Dt: 20.12.2025.

E-TENDER/NEGOTIATION NOTIFICATION NO-07/2025-26
(Through e-Procurement/Manual Negotiation only)

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Mangaluru Division, invites e-Tender and Negotiation for the selection of Licensee for commercial stalls, Two Wheeler/Car parking, at Bus Station of Mangalore, Kundapura, Udupi City & Dr.V.S. Acharya Bannanje Udupi Bus Stations & Refreshment Room (Veg/Nonveg) at Mangalore-3rd Jnnurm depot for a period of 3/5/10 years through e-procurement and Manual Negotiation.

Also Negotiation applications are invited for the Selection of Licensee for Second Floor at Dr. V.S. Acharya Bus Station Bannanje, Udupi through Manual Negotiation for a period of 10 Years.

E-Tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before 19-01-2026 at 16.00 Hrs. Negotiation application will be available in this office during Office hours up to 22.01.2026 at 10:30 hrs.

For more details visit Divisional Office, K.S.R.T.C Mangaluru Division-575004 during office hours.

: Contact Details:
Divisional Traffic Officer-7760990702
Assistant Traffic Manager-7760990711

Sd/-
Senior Divisional Controller
KSRTC, Mangaluru Division

DIPR/CP/4617/AKAR/2025-26

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA
Admn. Office: High Court Building (New Annexe), Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001.

THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08.10.2025 calling upon the borrower **Shankare Gowda B.G. S/o. Gange Gowda** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.64,15,000/-** further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **23rd day of December of the year 2025.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount **Rs.64,15,000/-** and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : **Shankare Gowda B.G.**
Surety Name : **Venkatesha**
Loan Amount : **Rs.64,15,000/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.**

Schedule A

All that Piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing No.10, with constructed Residential House, Khatha No. 688, Ward No.8, assessment No.22/2, Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet including whole building / Property and bounded on: North By: Others Property, South By: 30 Feet Road, East By: Site No.9, West By: Site No.11.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

Date : 22.12.2025
Place : Bangalore

ATTENTION ADVERTISING AGENCIES
EMPANELMENT OF ADVERTISING AGENCIES ON WESTERN RAILWAY

Applications are invited from INS accredited advertising agencies for empanelment on Western Railway for Publicity related works. Application Forms along with Terms & Conditions can be downloaded from the website **wr.indianrailways.gov.in** from **23.12.2025** till **10.00 hrs**. on **22.01.2026** or can also be obtained from the office of the **Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway, 3rd Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400 020** on any working day from **23.12.2025** to **22.01.2026** till **10.00** hrs, on payment (Non-refundable) of ₹ **5,900/-** (Rs. 5,000/- plus 18% GST Rs. 900/-) in Demand Draft (from scheduled banks, in favour of Principal Financial Advisor, Western Railway payable at Mumbai). Applications downloaded from website should be submitted along with **application fees of ₹5,900/- as above** through demand draft. **Earnest Money Deposit Will be Rs. 1,00,000/-.** Duration of empanelment is for two years. Applications along with relevant documents as prescribed in the document in sealed cover must reach the above address by **11.00 Hrs on 22.01.2026** after which applications will not be accepted. Application envelopes will be opened on **22.01.2026 at 11.30 Hrs**. onwards. Detailed information/ instructions are available on Western Railway's website **wr.indianrailways.gov.in**

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STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram
(64063) 3rd Floor, No. 13/1, Kanaka's Pride Bull temple Road, Opp: Ramakrishna Mutt Shankarapuram, Bengaluru-560004
Tel: 080-25943006-25943007, Email: sbi.64063@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice against their names, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice,

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram Bengaluru,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

A /C: NO. 39549836453/DRS

SI No. 1) Borrower :Sri. Bhargav K S/O Kantharaju BM & Smt. Sowbhagya W/O Kantharaju a) Flat No. GF-3(003) Ground Floor, Revanna Siddeshwara Nilaya, Hosahalli Village, Uthrahalli hobli Bengaluru- 560061, b) Flat No 003, RVS Nilaya, 2nd Cross Adarsh Lay out Ganigara palya 100feet Road, Bengaluru South Thalgatpura, Bengaluru- 560062 & Office @: - Mayur Enterprises, No 181, 1st Floor 2nd Cross Govt school Road, Doddakalsandra Bengaluru 560062,

Possession Notice Dated: 20.12.2025 **Demand Notice Dated: 15.09.2025**
(Published in Newspaper on 14.10.2025)

Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs 29,03,834/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 18.12.2025 and interest from 19.12.2025 & charges thereon,

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE- "A" PROPERTY: -

All that piece and parcel of the Converted Land bearing Sy.No.15/1, Measuring 8602 Square Feet (i.e. Western Portion out of 18 Guntas and 1 gunta of Kharab land), duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide O.M.NO.ALN(SU)SR/14/2012-13, dated: 20-01-2015, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at HOSAHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, vide Katha Sl. No.171/15/1, and bounded on the

EAST BY: Road, **WEST BY:** Property of Mahadevappa, **NORTH BY:** Property of Mahadevappa. & **SOUTH BY:** Property of Nanjappa.

SCHEDULE- "B" PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.GF-3 (003), in the Ground Floor (2 BHK), measuring:1140 Square Feet of Super Built Area, in the Apartment building known as "SRI REVANNA SIDDESHWARA NILAYA", constructed in the Schedule 'A herein above, together with 285 Square Feet of Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership and Sital area comprising of the flat consisting of Two Bed Rooms, hall, Dining kitchen, Balcony, utility, bath room and toilets, consisting of flush shutter with hardwood frames, Main door Teak wood frame & shutter and Aluminum Windows, having VITRIFIED FLOORING and One Car Parking marked as at the Stilt/Basement floor in Schedule -A Property.

A/C: NO. 64211986133 /DRS

SI No. 2) Borrower : Sri. Prince Rayen T S/o Sri. Thipurcius V Rayan A) No.1022, Pancha Chanya Tower, Opp. Suguna Hospital, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 4" Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010. B) 6A-1A, Sundaravelpuram, 8th Street, Thoothukkudi, Tamilnadu -628002, C) No. 29, Ground Floor, Devanna Compound, 51st Cross, Siddharamana Dinne, "4" Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, D) No. 015, Ground Floor, "VAASTU GREENS" Apartment, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560060,

Possession Notice Dated: 20.12.2025 **Demand Notice Dated: 06.10.2025**
(Published in Newspaper on 17.10.2025)

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 17,08,983/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Only) as on 18.12.2025 and interest from 19.12.2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property being a residentially converted (vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BDS.ALN(S)SR(KT) 115/2003-04, dated 26/02/2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) land bearing Sy. No.79/1, New BBMP Katha No. 79/1, measuring 78,231.5 sq.ft., situate at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, coming within the revenue and administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Kengeri Sub-Division, ward No. 198, Hemmigepura, Bengaluru and bounded on the. **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No.79/2A, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Temple Road and remaining extent of Sy. No. 79/1 belongs to the Vendor & **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 73 belongs to Sri. Manjunath and Sri. Dasappa.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

193 sq, ft., of undivided share, right, title, claim and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

Apartment bearing No. 015 on the Ground floor, measuring 600 sq.ft., of super built up area in the multi-storied residential apartment building known as "VAASTU GREENS" constructed over the Schedule 'A' Properly with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, including common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area in the basement Floors, The construction is of RCC roof, vitrified tiles, aluminum / steel windows and jungle wood doors in the Name of Sri. Prince Rayen T S/o Thipurcius V Rayan.

Date : 20.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**
Place : ***BANGALORE***

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ- 561203

ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/62/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2025

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು (RTC ರನ್ವಯ)	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)	ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾದ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
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ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾಬದ್ಧವಾದ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

$4.1 billion
in damage from Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka, says World Bank

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Trump taps Jeff Landry as Greenland envoy, reviving island takeover push

Denmark, Greenland reject US takeover talk

Denmark and Greenland said on Monday that the United States would not take over Greenland, insisting their territorial integrity must be respected after President Donald Trump appointed a special envoy to the region. Trump's decision to name Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry revived tensions over Washington's interest in the semi-autonomous Danish territory. Denmark's foreign minister said the US ambassador would be summoned. In a joint statement, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and Greenlandic leader Jens-Frederik Nielsen said national borders and sovereignty are protected under international law, warning against interference by allies.

WEST PALM BEACH

US President Donald Trump on Sunday announced he is appointing Louisiana Gov Jeff Landry to serve as the US special envoy to Greenland, the vast, semi-autonomous territory of Denmark that Trump has said the US needs to take over.

"Jeff understands how essential Greenland is to our National Security, and will strongly advance our Country's Interests for the Safety, Security, and Survival of our Allies, and indeed, the World," Trump said in announcing the appointment.

Trump during his presidential transition and in the early months of his return to the White House repeatedly called for US jurisdiction over Greenland, and has not ruled out military force to take control of the

Louisiana Gov Jeff Landry

mineral-rich, strategically located Arctic island. The issue had drifted out of the headlines in recent months, but in August, Danish officials summoned the US ambassador following a report that at least three people with connections to Trump had carried out covert influence operations in Greenland.

Earlier this year, Vice President JD Vance visited a remote US military base on the island and accused Denmark of underinvesting there.

Trump has said that Greenland is crucial for US security and hasn't ruled out taking the island by military force, even though Denmark is a NATO ally of the US. Landry took office as governor in January 2024. His term ends in January 2028.

"It's an honor to serve you in this volunteer position to make Greenland a part of the US," Landry wrote in a posting on X in which he thanked Trump for the appointment. He added, "This in no way affects my position as Governor of Louisiana!" Denmark, a NATO ally of the US, and Greenland have said the island is not for sale and condemned reports of the US gathering intelligence there. *AP*

Russian gen killed in car bomb attack; 3rd in a year

Lt General Sarvarov was head of the Operational Training Directorate

MOSCOW

A car bomb killed a Russian general on Monday, the third such killing of a senior military officer in a year. Investigators said Ukraine may be behind the attack. Lt Gen Fanil Sarvarov, head of the Operational Training Directorate of the Russian Armed Forces' General Staff, died from his injuries, said Svetlana Petrenko, the spokesperson for Russia's Investigative Committee, the nation's top criminal investigation agency.

"Investigators are pursuing numerous lines of inquiry regarding the murder. One of these is that the crime was orchestrated by Ukrainian intelligence services," Petrenko said. Since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine nearly four years ago, Russian authorities have blamed Kyiv for several assassinations of military officers and public figures in Russia. Ukraine has claimed responsibility for some of them. It has not yet commented on Monday's death.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that President Vladimir Putin had been immediately informed about the killing of Sarvarov, who fought in Chechnya and had taken part in Moscow's military campaign in Syria. Russia has blamed a series of other apparent assassinations on Ukraine.

Just over a year ago, Lt Gen Igor Kirillov, the chief of the military's nuclear, biological and chemical protection forces, was killed by a bomb hidden on an electric scooter outside his apartment building. Kirillov's assistant also died. Ukraine's security service claimed responsibility for the attack.

(Top) An investigator at the Moscow site where Lt Gen Fanil Sarvarov was killed in a car bomb attack; (above) Lt Gen Fanil Sarvarov, head of the Operational Training Directorate of the Russian Armed Forces General Staff | AP

An Uzbek man was quickly arrested and charged with killing Kirillov on behalf of the Ukrainian security service.

Putin described Kirillov's killing as a "major blunder" by Russia's security agencies, noting they should learn from it and improve their efficiency.

In April, another senior Russian military officer, Lt Gen Yaroslav Moskalik, a deputy head of the main operational department in the General Staff, was killed by an explosive device placed in his car parked near his apartment building just outside Moscow. A suspected perpetrator was quickly arrested.

Days after Moskalik's killing, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he received a report from the head of Ukraine's foreign intelligence agency on the "liquidation" of top Russian military figures, adding that "justice inevitably comes" although he didn't mention Moskalik's name. Ukraine, which is outnumbered by Russia's larger, better equipped military, has frequently tried to change the course of the conflict by attacking in unexpected ways. *AP*

THAILAND AND CAMBODIA TO RESUME BORDER CEASEFIRE TALKS

KUALA LUMPUR

THAILAND and Cambodia will resume talks later this week to work toward a more durable ceasefire along their border, Thailand's foreign minister said Monday, stressing that progress depends on detailed bilateral negotiations rather than public declarations that internationalise the dispute.

A ceasefire agreement in October was rushed to ensure it could be witnessed by US President Donald Trump and lacked sufficient details to ensure the deal to end the armed conflict would hold, Thai Foreign Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow said Monday after an Association of Southeast Asian Nations foreign ministers' meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

While Cambodia has publicy said it is ready for an unconditional ceasefire, Bangkok never received any direct proposal and Thailand believed such statements were aimed at increasing international pressure rather than resolving the issue, Sihasak said following the meeting that was arranged to seek ways to end the crisis.

The general border committee involving both nations will meet Wednesday to iron out detailed measures toward a lasting ceasefire, he said.

"This time, let's thrash out the details and make sure the ceasefire reflect the situation on the ground and the ceasefire is one that really holds, and both sides are going to fully respect the ceasefire," Sihasak told a news conference. The border conflict escalated into deadly combat two weeks ago and derailed the agreement promoted by Trump, which ended five days of fighting in July. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Indian arrested in UK people-smuggling probe

LONDON: A 29-year-old Indian national was arrested in Birmingham on Monday over the alleged advertising of people-smuggling services on social media, the National Crime Agency said. The man is suspected of working for an organised crime network moving migrants in lorries and was detained on suspicion of facilitating illegal immigration following a joint probe with West Midlands Police. Officers arrested him in Handsworth and seized electronic devices for examination. A second man was also arrested for being in the UK illegally and handed to immigration authorities. The case comes amid a wider UK crackdown on illegal migration.

Israel razes Jerusalem building, evicting Palestinians

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI bulldozers tore through a four-storey building in east Jerusalem on Monday, leaving scores of Palestinian residents unsure where to go after their doors were broken down in the middle of the night by authorities enforcing hasty evictions.

The building was the latest in a series of residential structures to be razed as Israeli officials target what they describe as unauthorised construction in the city's annexed east — a campaign that local Palestinian officials characterised as a "systematic policy" to displace residents. "The demolition is a tragedy for all residents," Eid Shawar, who lives in the building, told *AFP*.

Located in the Silwan neighbourhood near the Old City, the building comprised a dozen apartments housing approximately 100 people, many of them women, children and elderly residents.

"They broke down the door while we were asleep and told us we could only change our clothes and take essential papers and documents," said Shawar, a father of five.

With nowhere else to go, Shawar, 38, said his seven-member family would have to sleep in his car. "They are destroying my bedroom," lamented one woman, as she watched the heavy machines rip through the building.

Excavators demolish a building constructed without a permit in the Wadi Qaddum area near the Silwan neighbourhood of east Jerusalem | AFP

Three bulldozers began tearing down the structure early on Monday as residents looked on, their clothes and belongings scattered across nearby streets, an AFP journalist saw.

Israeli police cordoned off surrounding roads, with security forces deployed across the area and positioned on rooftops of neighbouring houses.

By midday, a large part of the building had already been razed to the ground. Built on privately owned Palestinian land, the structure had been slated for demolition for lacking a permit, activists said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its Original owners namely 1. Sri. Lakkappa S/o. Late Madappa, 2. Sri. P.S.V. Ananthanarayana @ P.S.V. Ananth Narayana, S/o. late Sri. P S Narayana, 2.a.Smt. P. Saraswathi, W/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, 2.b. Sri. P. Satya Sai, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, 2.c. Sri. P.S. Shantha Ram, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, 2.d. Smt. T.V. Savithri, W/o. Sri. T.V.S.N. Murthy, 2.e. Sri. Jagannatha Prem @ P. Jagannath Pre Sai, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, 2.f. Smt. J. Padmaranjani, W/o. Sri. J.V. Chalapathy, 2.g. Smt. T.S. Ramadevi, W/o. Late. Sri. T.V.N.N. Apparao, 2.h. Smt. V.S. Suvarchala, W/o. Late Sri. V.V. Subramanyam, 2.i. Smt. D. Sri Mahalakshmi, W/o. Late Sri. D. Pardhasarathi, 2.j. Sri. P. S. Venkatachalapathy, S/o. Late P.S. Narayana and 2.k. Smt. N. Sharadha, W/o. Sri. N.V. Krishna, parities "2 and 2a to 2k" are represented by their SPA Holder M/s. SLS Developers, represented by its Proprietor Sri. P. Shekar Reddy, S/o. P. Ram Reddy, 3. Sri. P. Shekhar Reddy S/o. P. Ram Reddy, and 4. M/s. SLS Developers represented by its proprietor Sri. Sri. P. Shekar Reddy, S/o. P. Ram Reddy.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **Seven (07) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the aforesaid owner with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property bearing Site No. 312, having PID No. 6000054176 bearing BDA e-Khata Application No. BD007S200000746, carved out of land bearing Sy.No.13/6, 13/5A, and 13/5B in the layout **"The Green Valley Address" (the BDA approval is as 'The Riverside')"** formed in Survey Nos. 9; 10/1, 10/8; 10/10; 10/2; 10/3; 11; 13/1; 13/5A: 13/5B; 13/6; 37; 38; 39 and 40 situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560 060, the Layout approved by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore. Site measuring as per CD report, **A1** - 33.07 x 69.01= 02282.16; 18.30 x 9.31 = 170.37; (9.3+8.75) /2 x 5.79 = 52.25, 4.94 x 8.75/2 = 21.61; **A2** -7.2 x (10.73+6.88)/2 = 63.4; 2.36 x (6.88+6.30)/2 = 15.55; 13.85 x (6.30+5.77)/2 = 83.56, **TOTAL AREA: A1 + A2 = 2688.90 Sq. Mtrs.** Bounded on:

East by : Park/OS-04,
West by : Site No. 313,
North by : 12M Road, and
South by : Boundary Line

G.V. Sudhakar, Advocate
No. 346/35, 12th Cross, 7th Main, 2Nd Block, Jayanagar Est Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. Mob:9886359644.

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II FOR KARNATAKA, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 1412/ 2024

Between
M/s. Bank of Baroda
RO SARB Branch
Vijaya Towers, M.G. Road, Trinity Circle .....Applicant

And
Mr. Manjunath .D.V & others ..... Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFT. NO. 1 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Defendant No. 1 :
Mr. Manjunath .D.V
R/A. No. 228, Ground Floor, 8th Main, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560072.

Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 49,68,474.34/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four and Thirty Four Paise only) as on 25.01.2024, together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **04.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayer for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **29th day of September 2025 at Bengaluru.**

(Registrar)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for Karntaka.

IN THE HONOURABLE COURT OF THE 28th ADDI, CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU, MAYO HALL UNIT
P & S.C. No. 25068/ 2025 (CCH No-29)

Sri. VENKATESH. K, S/o. Late Sri. Kannan Mottaswamy @ Kannappa And Smt. CHINNAMMA, aged about 49 years, No.117, 2nd Cross, Om Residency Layout, Kodigahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru- 36 ...**PETITIONER**

-VERSUS-

1. Smt. RENUKA. K, W/o. Sri. Krihnamurthi, D/o Sri. Kannan Mottaswamy @ Kannappa And Smt. CHINNAMMA, aged 53 years PH NO. 9845386422

2. Smt. LAKSHMI. K, W/o. Sri. Bhaskar, aged about 45 years, Both residing at No.8, Khatha No. 16/13, Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560 114.PH. 9632261889

3. Sri. B. G. SRIRAM, Advocate & Notary, No.82, 10th 'C' Main Road, 1st Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. PH.9448476651, 08026536651 ...**RESPONDENT/S**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition under section 276 of the Indian succession Act seeking for an order for granting probate in favour of the petitioner in respect of the schedule property mentioned in the schedule hereunder. The said property is standing in the name of **Smt. Chinnamma** who died on 19-02-2025

The Hon'ble Court has fixed on **19-01-2026** at **11.00. A.M** for hearing of this said petition, any person interested in the matter may enter appearance on the said date in person or with pleader and file their objection if any, failing which, the court shall further proceed further in the matter for granting probate to the petitioner

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing No.64, formed by the Manjunatha House Building Co-operative Society Limited, situated at 20th C Main, BTM Layout, Tavarekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, having been assigned BMP PID No. 65-79-64, Measuring East to West: 40' feet and North to South: 30' totally measuring 1200 sq feet, consisting of a residential building and bounded on the **East by:** Site No.65, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.63 and **South by:** Site No.73.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 17/12/2025

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for petitioner: **GEETHA. R** No.44, VEERAPILLAI STREET, SHIVAJINAGAR, BANGALORE -1, PH. No. 9844479617

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public in General that my clients viz., **Smt. D. INDURANI,** W/o. Sri. M. Durai and **Sri. D. SABARISH KUMAR,** S/o. Sri. M. Durai, Both R/at. No.21, 1st Cross, Ayyappa Garden, Adugodi Post, Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560030 are negotiating to purchase the Schedule Property from the owner i.e., Sri. GREGORY SANTHOSH, S/o. Sri. Madle Mutthu, R/at. No.09, 2nd Block, 4th Cross, Yajaman Layout, Begur, Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560068 acquired as per Sale Deed Dt.22-04-2025 from Sri. C. Srinivas, S/o Late. Chikka Muniyappa, which has been registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore as per Document No.BGR-1-00331/2025-26 in Book-I on 22/04/2025. Anybody having any share, right, title or interest whatsoever or any claim in any manner in respect of Schedule Property may lodge their objections with the undersigned with documentary evidence **within 30 days** from the date of this advertisement and obtain a valid receipt for lodging their objections, failing which, note that it will be presumed that no objections whatsoever from anybody/s and my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.60, BBMP Khatha No.762/60, New EPID No.8076574038, formed in Residentially Converted Sy.No.273/1, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.192, situated at 1st Block, 2nd Cross, Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East – West 40 Ft. and North – South 30 Ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. together with 50 Squares, consisting of Four and Half Floors, RCC roofed building constructed thereon with bricks, Vitrified Tiles flooring, used jungle wood for doors and windows and bounded on;

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.55,
North by : Site No.61,
South by : Site No.59.

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE LXXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE CCH-74 MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU
OS. No. 25356/2025

BETWEEN : SMT. RENUKA, D/o. LATE KANNAN, W/o. Sri. Moses, Aged about 44 years, Residing At No.34 , 1st Main, 3rd Cross, S.K. Garden, Bengaluru North, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560048. ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND : 1. Sri. PERUMAL, Son of Sri Kuppan, Aged about 54 years, **2. Sri. SABARISH,** Son of Sri. PERUMAL, Aged about 24 years, **3. Sri. SANTHOSH** Son of Sri. PERUMAL, Aged about 22 years, ALL Residing at No.62, BDA QUARTERS, Near Raghavendra Temple, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071. ...**DEFENDANTS**

SUIT SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS No. 1 to 3, UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1)-A OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

Whereas the above named plaintiff has filed the above plaint for permanent Injunction along with other consequential reliefs. You, the Defendants No.1 to 3 are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to appear all question **on 03.02.2026 at 11.00 AM** to answer the same falling which the above original Suit will be heard in your absence and determined ex-parte.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property Bearing No. BBMP Door and Khatha No.34 (old Site No.10) BBMP PID No. 91-49-34, BBMP WARD No.91, Pullkeshi Nagar Range, Situated in the 3rd Main Road, Syed Khader Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 32 feet In all total measuring 480 sq.ft consisting of ground floor and 1st floor measures 800 square feet and bounded on East by : Private Property, West by: Private property, North by: Private property, South by: 3rd Main, SK Garden.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 17th day of December 2025

By Order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff :
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Notice is hereby given that **folio No. M0003447, Certificate Nos.** 16657, 18517, 21125, 22069, 23396, 24384, 25979, 26620, 29924, 34429,37203, 40498, 40499, 45298 & 108506 to 108519 **total 1400 shares. Distinctive Nos.** 832501 to 832850 / 925801 to 925850 / 1056201 to 1056250 / 1103401 to 1103450 / 1169751 to 1169800 / 1219151 to 1219200 / 1298901 to 1298950 / 1330951 to 1331000 / 1496151 to 1496200 / 1721401 to 1721450 / 1860101 to 1860150 / 2024851 to 2024900 / 2024901 to 2024950 / 490251 to 490300 / 12344203 to 12344902 Standing in the name of **M. RIAZ AHMED** in the books of **Mac Charles (India) Limited** has been lost / misplaced and the advertiser as applied to the company for issue of duplicate share certificates in lieu thereof.

Any persons who have claims on the said shares should lodge such claim with the company's Registrar and Transfer Agent **M/s: BgSE Financials Limited,** stock Exchange Tower, No 51, 1st Cross, J.C. Road, Bangalore 560027, Karnataka with in **15 days** from the date of notice failing which the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates in respect of said shares.

Sd/-
M. RIAZ AHMED

IN THE COURT OF 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU
Misc. Petition No. 25047/2023 (CCH No. 29)

BETWEEN: Mrs. Lourdes Mary & 3 Others ...**Petitioners/Applicants**

AND: Mrs. Clara @ Claramma & Others ...**Respondents/Opponents**

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT Nos. 5 to 7 & 9 and 10 U/O 5 RULE 20 (1-A) R/W Sec. 151 CPC

To, 5. Mrs. Vanaja, Wife of late AS Victor, aged about 71 years, Occupation Housewife, Residing at No.79, 9th Cross, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore- 560 046, 6. Mrs. Kumar, Son of late A.S Victor, aged, about 38 years Occupation Not known, Residing at No.79, 9th Cross, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, **7. Mr. Nithyarjan,** Son of late AS Victor, aged about 40 years, Occupation Not known Residing at No.79, 9th Cross, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore- 560046, **9. Mr BR Mohammed Ashfaq,** Son of Mr VS Riyaz Ahammed, aged about 23 years Occ Not known, Residing at No.43 Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005, **10. Mr. B.R. Mohammed Asgar,** Son of Mr VS Riyaz Ahammed, aged about 20 years Occ Not known Residing at No.43, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005

Whereas the above named Petitioners instituted a Misc Petition against you for getting aside the Order dt 10/04/2023 dismissing the Suit for Non Prosecution and for restoration of the OS No.26302/2014.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court above mentioned on **04/02/2025** at **11:00 AM** in person or through Advocate to answer the questions to the same failing which the Misc Petition will be heard and determined Ex Parte.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on this 19/12/2025

By order of the court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Benglauru

Advocate for Petitioners:
LS. Chikkanagouder & Associates
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our client LIC Housing Finance Limited having its regional office at Hayes Road, Bangalore has lost the Original Absolute Sale deed dated 16-08-1997, registered as document No. 3027, Vol No. 3525, Pages 21 to 23, on 03-09-1997, in the office of Sub-Register office Tumakur, in respect of the Schedule Property is lost/ misplaced by our client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on behalf our clients on 22-12-2025 online, vide Lost Report bearing No. 1970821/2025. Certified Copy of the lost document under the above said reference procured shall be treated as the original title deeds in respect of the Schedule Property belongs to Mr. Manjunath S Bhat. Any person finds the above said documents may handover the same to the undersigned within 15 days from this day. If the said documents are misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our clients and he/ she/they shall be doing so at their own costs, risks and consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing site no.70, formed in Sy.no. 325:1,2,3, Municipal Katha No. 9535, Katha No. 9535:4325, situated at Kumvempu Nagara, Driver Layout, Tumkur Town. Bounded on: **-East by:** Site No.71, **West by:** 69, **North by:** Site no. 67 and **South by:** Road.

Mahesh Kumar M.H., Advocate
No.56/A, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, 24th Main, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78 **Mob: 9686751274**

WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS WORK

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. invites **Tender Notice No. BCT/25-26/285 Date: 19.12.2025. Work and Location:** (i) Udhna-Ukai Songadh Section-Raising of approach walls, roads, earthworks, grouting, etc. to avoid seepage, runoff water & waterlogging on various RUB under ADEN-Vyara section. (ii) Udhna-Ukai Songadh Section Strengthening of toe wall, return wall, ballast wall, slab, pier abutment etc. of major bridge no 17, 52A 26, 60, 63 & 70. **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 6,60,72,341.78 **EMD:** ₹ 4,80,400.00 **Date & Time of Submission:** till 13.01.2026, 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening:** on 13.01.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 0918

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mrs. Aruna Kumari M, 2) Mrs. Sharadamma P	Loan Account No. 30139410000579 31889630000238 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha No.372/372, situated at Doddagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **Bounded by the: East by:** Property belongs to Chikkamuniyappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining Portion of Same Property, **South by:** Property belongs to Munishamy. Measuring East to West: 34 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet in all measuring 680 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20-12-2025	**Rs.6,64,533.69** (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three and Sixty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 11-12-2025**
2	1) Mr. Prakasha, 2) Mrs. Geetha	Loan Account No. 46459410000503 46459630001338 46459410001890 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.1,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.85/2, Sl.No.348, situated at Khajihosahalli Village, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Khajihosahalli Gram Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Own Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Own Property, **South by:** Own Property. Measuring East to West: 33 Feet and North to South: 25 Feet.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20-12-2025	**Rs.10,12,114.66** (Rupees Ten Lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred Fourteen and Sixty Six Paisa Only) **due as on 11-12-2025**
3	1) Mrs. Renuka M, 2) Mr. Raju R	Loan Account No. 47049410000033 47049630000106 47049800000025 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.66,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.952/597/2, E-Khatha No.152900201500120583, measuring East to West 5.79 Meter and North to South 8.53 Meter, situated at Dodda Alahalli Village, Dodda Alahalli Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Muniyaiah, **West by:** Palu belongs to Kariyappa, **North by:** Palu belongs to Chikkaraju, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 04-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20-12-2025	**Rs.7,08,004.21** (Rupees Seven Lakh Eight Thousand Four and Twenty One Paisa Only) **due as on 11-12-2025**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 23.12.2025, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

INDIA SHIELDS 'SENSITIVE' DAIRY SECTOR FROM NZ IMPORTS

India also places many other products in exclusion list, including animal products, vegetables

INDIA'S TRADE WITH NEW ZEALAND

Financial year	Goods exports	Goods imports	Services exports	Services imports	Total trade	India's trade deficit/surplus
2025	711.1	587.1	255.8	550	2104	-170.2
2024	538.33	335.07	214.1	456.5	1543.9	-39.2
2023	547.84	477.74	246.1	228.9	1500.6	87.3
2022	487.6	374.84	132.6	226.1	1221.2	19.3
2025	711.1	587.1	255.8	550	2104	-170.2

(Figs in US$ million)

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA has kept dairy products outside the ambit of the free trade agreement (FTA) concluded with New Zealand on Monday, ensuring that products such as milk, cream, whey, yoghurt and cheese from New Zealand will not receive duty-free access to the Indian market. However, New Zealand exporters will be allowed duty-free access for certain dairy and other food ingredients meant exclusively for re-export under the pact.

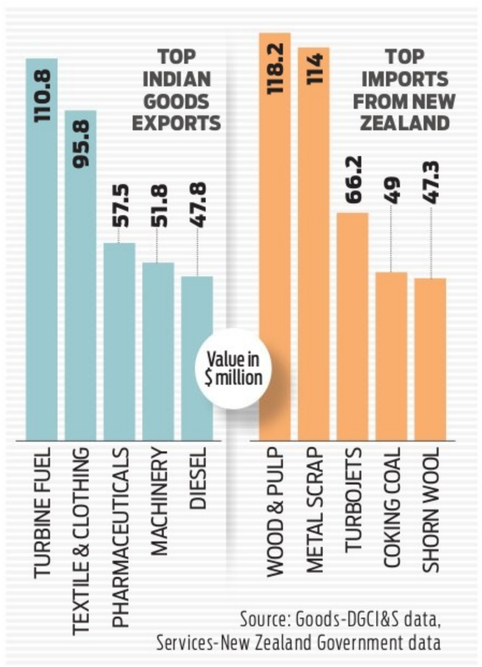
Opening up the dairy sector has long been a politically sensitive issue in India, and the government has consistently maintained that it will not liberalise the sector at the cost of nearly 80 million domestic dairy farmers. India had adopted a similar stance in the recently concluded India-UK trade agreement, keeping dairy and agriculture outside the scope of the pact.

In a statement, the commerce ministry said to safeguard farmers and domestic industry, market access under the FTA excludes dairy products such as coffee, milk, cream, cheese, yoghurts, whey and caseins, along with onions, sugar, spices, edible oils and rubber. India currently imposes a 30% import duty on milk, 60% on skimmed milk, 40% on whey and 33% on cheese from New Zealand.

"Our farmers stand to gain significantly—both through improved market access in New Zealand and through technology collaboration. Similarly, fishermen and dairy producers will also benefit. By offering a very small, conditional tariff rate quota (TRQ) with concessional duty on a limited number of products, we have been able to open up large opportunities for market access and technology collaboration, and benefit from New Zealand's expertise," Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said at a media briefing.

As per the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), New Zealand's dairy exports to India were limited to just $1.07 million in FY25. These included milk and cream ($0.40 mn), natural honey ($0.32 mn), mozzarella cheese ($0.18 mn), butter ($0.09 mn) and skimmed milk ($0.08 mn). Dairy products account for nearly 30% of New Zealand's total exports. In the first 11 months of 2025, the country exported dairy products worth about $24 billion.

The exclusion of dairy has drawn criticism from opposition parties in New Zealand, who have described the agreement as neither free nor fair.



Our farmers stand to gain significantly—both through improved market access in New Zealand and through the technology collaboration between the two countries. Similarly, Indian fishermen and dairy producers will also benefit

Piyush Goyal, commerce minister

"The India FTA would be New Zealand's first trade deal to exclude our major dairy products—including milk, cheese and butter. In the year to November 2025, exports of these products were worth around $24 billion, or 30% of our total goods exports," said Winston Peters, founder of the right-wing New Zealand First party.

Apart from dairy, India has also placed several other products in the exclusion list, including animal products (other than sheep meat), vegetable products such as onions, chana, peas, corn and almonds, sugar, artificial honey, animal, vegetable or microbial fats and oils, arms and ammunition, gems and jewellery, copper and copper articles (cathodes, cartridges, rods, bars and coils), and aluminium and aluminium articles (ingots, billets and wire bars).

Trade agreement with NZ big boost for student, professional mobility

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) marks a big step forward in promoting cross-border mobility, opening new entry, stay and employment opportunities for Indian professionals, students and young workers while addressing New Zealand's growing skills shortages.

Under the pact, New Zealand has committed to improved entry and stay provisions for Indian nationals, including work opportunities during studies, post-study work pathways, dedicated visa arrangements and an expanded Working Holiday visa framework. These measures are aimed at strengthening people-to-people ties and enhancing global exposure for Indian youth.

A key feature of the pact is the creation of a new Temporary Employment Entry Visa pathway for Indian professionals in skilled occupations. The pathway allows for up to 5,000 visas at any given time, with each visa permitting a stay of up to three years. The scheme covers a wide range of Indian professions like AYUSH practitioners, yoga instructors, Indian chefs and music teachers, alongside high-demand sectors including information technology, engineering, healthcare, education and construction, thereby deepening workforce mobility and services trade between the two countries.

New Zealand's Trade and Investment Minister Todd McClay said the agreement would help bridge critical skills gaps in the domestic economy. "To better provide skills to grow the New Zealand economy, the agreement establishes a process for up to an average of 1,667 skilled three-year work visas a year," he said. These visas will be non-renewable and targeted at priority occupations facing shortages, including doctors, nurses, teachers, ICT professionals and engineers.

As per McClay, eligible sectors will be drawn from New Zealand's skills-shortage 'Green List', with all existing immigration screening and qualification requirements remaining unchanged. The government will retain flexibility to update the Green List in line with evolving labour-market needs.

For the first time with any country, New Zealand has created a dedicated pathway on Student Mobility and Post-Study Work Visas with India. The Agreement removes numerical caps on Indian students, guarantees a minimum of 20 hours per week work during study, and provides extended post-study work opportunities-up to three years for STEM Bachelor's and Master's graduates, and up to four years for doctorate holders-creating clear pathways for skills development and global careers.

In addition, the FTA aligns New Zealand's Working Holiday Scheme with provisions under Australia's FTA with India, providing up to 1,000 places annually.

Ambuja Cements to merge ACC and Orient into single 'powerhouse'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a major move to reshape India's cement industry, the Board of Ambuja Cements has approved amalgamation of ACC and Orient Cement.

This strategic consolidation, part of the Adani Group's broader vision, aims to create a unified "One Cement Platform" and a pan-India powerhouse in the building materials sector.

The merger is expected to be completed within the next year, pending requisite regulatory approvals. This consolidation brings together two of the country's most established brands—Ambuja and ACC—under a single corporate structure. While the corporate entity will be unified, the company confirmed that the 'Adani Ambuja Cements' and 'Adani ACC' product brands will continue to operate as usual in their respective markets.

Under the approved schemes of amalgamation, Ambuja Cements will issue new shares to eligible shareholders of the merging entities. ACC shareholders will receive 328 equity shares of Ambuja Cement (face value ₹2 each) for every 100 ACC shares held (face value ₹10 each). Orient Cement shareholders will receive 33 equity shares of Ambuja Cement (face value ₹2 each) for every 100 Orient Cement shares held (face value ₹1 each).

The company in a statement said the move is a central component of Ambuja' aggressive growth strategy, which targets increasing production capacity from the current 107 MTPA to 155 MTPA by FY28.

Sensex gains nearly 1,100 pts in 2 sessions on rise in rupee

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

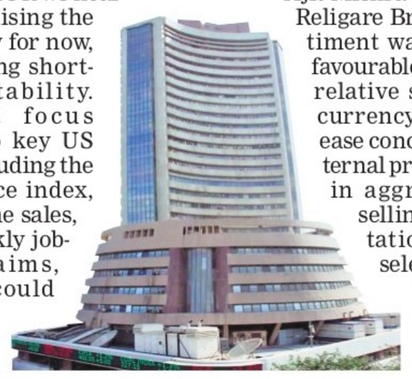
DOMESTIC equity market registered healthy gains for the second consecutive session on Monday after the local currency rupee made a sharp rebound against the US dollar on Friday and helped maintain its position on Monday.

The benchmark BSE Sensex advanced 638 points, or 0.75%, to close at 85,567.48, while the Nifty ended at 26,172.40, up 206 points, or 0.79%.

The fresh gains came after the two benchmarks snapped their four-day losing streak on Friday. In the past two sessions, the Sensex has gained 1,086 points, or 1.3%, while the Nifty has climbed 356 points, or 1.4%."Indian equities extended their rebound for the second straight session on Monday, supported by a firmer rupee and sustained FII buying over the past three days. The INR strengthened for the second consecutive day, aided by intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)," said Siddhartha Khemka - Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Rupee hit a record low last week, breaching the 91 mark against the US dollar on heavy foreign capital outflow. It strengthened sharply to 89.60 on Friday, gaining over 0.7% and traded flat near 89.65, holding in a narrow 89.45–89.65 range on Monday as a weaker dollar index around 98.45 and positive sentiment in domestic capital markets offered support.

"The currency has shown a technical reversal after recent intervention-led buying from last week's lows near 91, stabilising the currency for now, improving short-term stability. Market focus shifts to key US data including the PCE price index, new home sales, and weekly jobless claims, which could drive fresh volatility. Support is seen near 90.00, while resistance is placed around 89.25," said Jateen Trivedi, VP research analyst - commodity and currency, LKP Securities.



The recovery in rupee is accompanied by capital infusion by foreign institutional investors (FIIs). FIIs were net buyers between Wednesday and Friday last week but turned net sellers on Monday. Domestic institutional investors, however, cushioned the FII outflow, as they bought (net purchase) shares worth ₹3,898 crore on Monday.

Ajit Mishra – SVP, research, Religare Broking, said sentiment was supported by favourable global cues and relative stability in the currency, which helped ease concerns around external pressures. A pause in aggressive foreign selling, along with rotational buying in select index heavyweights, contributed to the steady undertone.

Prez Droupadi Murmu grants assent to SHANTI Bill for nuclear sector

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu has approved the SHANTI Bill, a new law that changes how India's nuclear energy sector works. The President gave her approval on Saturday, after the bill was passed by Parliament.

The SHANTI Bill combines and replaces two old laws: the Atomic Energy Act of 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010. These old laws were seen as obstacles to growing India's nuclear energy. The new law lets private companies participate in nuclear power generation, including building and running nuclear plants, with government approval. However, some sensitive parts of the nuclear sector, like uranium mining and fuel enrichment, will remain under government control.

The main feature of the Bill is paving the way for private participation, along with foreign investment, in the nuclear sector. In simple terms, the Bill will make it easier for private players such as the Adani Group, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), and Tata Power Ltd. to enter India's nuclear sector and contribute to the country's atomic energy development. The Bill also paves the way for the regulated usage of nuclear and radiation technologies in areas such as healthcare, food and agriculture, industry, and research.

The President also approved another bill, the VB-G RAM G Bill, 2025, which replaces the MGNREGA law and supports the government's Viksit Bharat 2047 goals.

Dark stores in India likely to grow 3x by 2030

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE number of dark stores in India is projected to grow threefold by 2030, reaching nearly 7,500 stores, driven by the rapid expansion of quick commerce and rising consumer demand for ultra-fast deliveries, according to a report by property consultant Savills India.

As of October 2025, India has an estimated 2,525 operational dark stores spread across eight Tier- I cities and more than 100 Tier-II and III cities, occupying a total area of around 13 million square feet, Savills estimated.

However, recent commentaries by quick commerce companies highlight that the number of dark stores in India may be slightly higher. Eternal's Blinkit has plans to expand its dark store network to 3,000 by March 2027 and as of the September quarter (Q2FY26), it operated 1,816 dark stores, up from 1,544 in the previous quarter and 791 a year ago. Swiggy's Instamart and Zepto operate more than 1,000 dark stores each and have aggressive expansion plans.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail has also accelerated investments in dark stores. According to the report, the retail giant opened 600 new dark stores in the second quarter, expanding its total network to more than 3,500 grocery outlets nationwide.

As per Savills report, Tier- I cities comprising Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi-NCR account for 68% of the total store count with area of around 9 mn sq. ft, while around 100 Tier-II & III cities together consist of 800 stores (32% of the total) with area of 4 mn sq. Ft.

The growth of dark stores has been fueled by the rising adoption of Q-commerce and the hyperlocal concept, where consumers are expecting essentials to be delivered within minutes.

EXPANDING BEYOND METROS

City	Dark store count (Nos.)	% of dark store count	Total dark store area (Mn sq. ft.)	% of dark store area
Ahmedabad	75	3	0.5	4
Bengaluru	360	14	1.9	14
Chennai	190	7.0	1.0	8
Delhi-NCR	400	16	2.0	15
Hyderabad	160	6.0	0.8	6
Kolkata	170	7.0	0.8	6
Mumbai	250	10	1.4	11
Pune	120	5.0	0.6	5
Tier-II & III Cities	800	32	4.0	31
Total	2,525	100	13	100

Source: Savills India Research

Kamath, Biyani launch co-founder factory

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ZERODHA co-founder Nikhil Kamath and Future Group founder Kishore Biyani have joined hands to launch Foundery, a residential business launchpad aimed at identifying, mentoring and co-building the next-generation of Indian entrepreneurs.

Positioned as a co-founder factory, the Foundery combines elements of a school, accelerator and venture studio, and is designed to compress early-stage start-up journey into a 90-day programme. Participants will work on taking business ideas from concept to investment-ready ventures, supported by mentors and investors.

"Most of what we call education was built for a world that no longer exists. It teaches people to fit in, whereas progress comes from those who don't," Kamath said. "MBAs create managers. We need people who can build, break, fail and rebuild. The Foundery is for those who want to create their own path."

Biyani said the initiative is meant to be a hands-on business-building environment rather than a conventional incubator. At The Foundery, participants will work closely with the in-house team and mentors to develop businesses. Successful start-ups can receive seed funding of up to ₹4 crore.

DoT prevents ₹660 cr cyber fraud in 6 mnths

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has prevented cyber fraud losses amounting to ₹660 crore in just six months since the launch of its initiative on May 22, 2025.

In a statement, the DoT stated that over 1,000 banks, third-party application providers (TPAPs), and payment system operators (PSOs) have onboarded the digital intelligence platform (DIP) and are adopting the financial fraud risk indicator (FRI). The DoT is conducting regular knowledge-sharing sessions with stakeholders to enhance awareness and ensure implementation of FRI, having held 16 such sessions to date.

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ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560083
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080 29755405, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ ಐಡಿ: acfbnp83@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎಸಿಎಫ್/ಸೋಲಾರ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್–07/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನದ ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೋಲಾರ್ ಟೆಂಟಿಕಲ್ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Sl No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (in Rs.) Including GST	Approximate Value of Work (in Rs.) Excluding GST	Earnest Money Deposit (2.5%) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (in Months)
1.	**Supply and Erection of Electrical works-Solar Tentacle Fencing and Estimate for The Hanging Solar Tentacle Fencing-Civil Works For at Anagatte to Near Manjihare 2.450 Kms in Harohalli Wildlife Range.**	17,15,744.00	14,54,020.05	42,894.00	2 Months

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.12.2025 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಸಿಪಿ/4606/ಸಿಸಿಎಲ್/2025–26

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

CE DIVISION, HASSAN

KSRTC Regional Training Institute Building, Near Dairy Circle, Ring Road, Hassan - 573 201, Ph. : 08172-295262, e-mail : eehsn@ksrtc.org

No: KST/EEH/JE/470/2025-26 **Dt.22.12.2025**

KPP PORTAL E-TENDER NOTIFICATION - 07/2025-26

Itemwise tenders are invited for the notification No. 07/2025-26 work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in public procurement at KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through e-procurement. The contractors/firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e. **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in** No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Last date for Submission of tenders
1	Construction of Seizing Yard at Dy. Commissioner and Senior RTO office prenises, Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada District.	413.25/-	6,19,875/-	27.01.2026

Interested Bidders can login to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details on or after **26.12.2025.** Any other information required can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Regional Training Institute Building, near Dairy Circle, Ring Road, Hassan during working hours. Tel. No. : 08172-295262.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KSRTC, CE Division, Hassan.

DIPR/CP/JA/4618/2025-26

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara – 571234, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District

Tel. No. : 08276 – 274365
Fax. No. : 08276 – 274365
e-mail :eehrdksh@gmail.com
Karnataka State.

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 15/25-26, Date: 22-12-2025

(Through KPP Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for the following work. **Construction of bow-string arch bridge at the downstream of Harangi reservoir near Hulugunda village, Kushalnagar taluk, Kodagu district,** Approx. amount put to tender Rs. 3023.00 lakhs, The contractors can have access/download e-procurement tender document from **22-12-2025** onwards and last date to submit the filled tender document is **31-12-2025** till 4.30 PM. Technical bid will be opened on Dt: **01-01-2026** at 5.00 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened on after Approval of the Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement portal web-site address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for the work and stipulated period for completion of the work is 24 Months (Including monsoon season)
Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
Kushalanagar, Somwartpet Taluk, Kodagu District – 571234, Karnataka

PUBLIC NOTICE

That the original Allotment Letter dated 04.02.1975 and Possession Certificate dated 31.01.1983 bearing No. 17/1982-83 with respect to Property bearing BDA No. 1607, situated at 33rd main Road, Magadi Road Chord Road, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Word No. 36, measuring East to West 23.6 Meters and North to South, on the Eastern Side 31, on the Western side 30.6 originally allotted to Mr. T. Venkate gowda by Bangalore Development Authority has been lost.
And this is to inform the general public that the above said Original Allotment Letter and Possession Certificate is lost. Any person/s, whoever finds the same is required to intimate the undersigned, at the address given below, within Fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim/s in, to or on the Schedule Property or any part thereof shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes and the same would not be binding on my Client and my Client will proceed ahead with the purchase of Schedule Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 23.12.2025

Sd/- H B Rohini
Advocate (KAR 1421/2007)
No. 815/E, 17th F 1st main
6th Block Koramangala,
Bangalore-560095
Mob: 9880673826

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short term Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** for the following works as detailed below. **(1) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3801 Date: 18.12.2025,** Supply and installation of 5KVA double conversion True On-line UPS for ODA server for Disaster recovery (DR) setup at BTPS site. **Last Date for submission/uploading the bid in e-portal: 29.12.2025 upto 15:30 Hrs.**

(2) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3698. Date: 18.12.2025, Providing illumination to patrolling track from 220KV Sub-Station to Watch tower 2 at BTPS. **Last Date for submission/uploading the bid in e-portal: 07.01.2026 upto 15:30 Hrs.**

Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Power Supply), BTPS, Kudathini-583 152, Bellary Dist. **Mobile: +91 9480830390.**

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI

Office of the Chief Engineer KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi - 585105. Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/WSS/Nag Phase-4/2025-26/1231 Date : 22-12-2025

-: NOTICE INVITING TENDER – 2nd Call :-

1) Detail of Work : "Construction of 5.0LL OHT on 15 mtr staging at Zone-7 of Lingasugur Town under Nagarotthana phase-4". (Lumpsum tender) (No Variation) (Work Indent No : **KUWSDB/2025-26 /WS /WORK_INDENT462)**, 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 101.07 Lakhs (Excluding GST),** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Eligible Contractors, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Rs. 2,00,000/-, 5) Period of Completion: 06 Months, 6) Date and Time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal: **23-12-2025 after 17:00 hours**, 7) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting : **30-12-2025 at 11:30 hours**, 8) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **06-01-2026 upto 17:30 hours**, 9) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : **08-01-2026 after 11:00 hours**, 10) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, "Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Telephone : 08472-220817, E-mail ID : **kwbceklb14@gmail.com**, 11) Address of E-portal: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/881/KSMC&A/2025-26

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHIKKAMAGALURU

Office: 08262 - 230420, Fax: 0862232272, Commissioner: 08262 - 232272, Helpline: 08262 - 232222, E-mail ID: comm_ckg@yahoo.co.in Website: www.chickmagalur.gov.in

ಸಂ.ಸಿಎಂಸಿ/ಸಿಕೆಎಂ/ನನಿಕಾ/ಸಿಆರ್/88/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–12–2025

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	**DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT52484**	76.20	ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2ಎ	1,29,100.00

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಂತೆ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ: 06 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)

1. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03–01–2026ರ 17.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
2. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–01–2026ರ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.
2. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06–01–2026ರ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಾದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿ. ಶೀಲಾ ದಿನೇಶ್) ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು
ಸಹಿ/– (ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲಲಿತಾ ರವಿನಾಯ್ಕ್) ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು
ಸಹಿ/– (ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಸಿ. ಬಸವರಾಜು ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎ.ಎಸ್.) ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME - JANUARY '26
NOTICE No : 01 / 2026

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl No	e-Auction con ducted by	Date of auction for the month of for January ' 26				Material for auction
1	GSD/ PER	06/01/26	13/01/26	23/01/26	29/01/26	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www. ireps. gov.in Website
2	CSSD/ GOC	05/01/26	12/01/26	20/01/26	28/01/26	
3	SSD/ PTJ	02/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	27/01/26	
4	MAS	02/01/26	09/01/26	21/01/26	28/01/26	
5	SA	05/01/26	12/01/26	20/01/26	27/01/26	
6	TVC	05/01/26	12/01/26	20/01/26	30/01/26	
7	PGT	06/01/26	13/01/26	22/01/26	29/01/26	
8	TPJ	06/01/26	13/01/26	22/01/26	29/01/26	
9	MDU	05/01/26	13/01/26	20/01/26	30/01/26	

Total no. of auction for January 2026 - 36 Nos

For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our web-site **http://www.ireps.gov.in->E-Auction->Sale->Live Auctions.**

Principal Chief Materials Manager

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ. ತಾ: ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ, ಜಿ: ಧಾರವಾಡ 580023. ಫೋನ್: 0836–2315225 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 2315226.
e-mail : knnl@knnlindia.com e-mail : eemrbcc3byt@gmail.com
Website: www.knnlindia.com

ಸಂ.ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಮಬದವಿ–3/ಎ.ಇ–2/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26/1730 ದಿನಾಂಕ:22–12–2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (4ನೇ ಕರೆ)

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್ ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ.3, ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 2701 ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರಿನ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Indent No: 3081 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 75.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 1,27,500/-

ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12–01–2026 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ತನಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–01–2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿವಾರು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖೇನ **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2315225 ನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಧಾರವಾಡ/1016/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2025–26

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.09.2024** calling upon the **Borrower; Sri R.Yallappa,** S/o. Ramakrishnappa, No.542, 19th Cross, 9th Main Road, Virata Nagar, Bommanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560068, **Also at:** Clerk Cum Typist, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru-560029, **Guarantor; Sri Syed Mahaboob,** S/o. Syed Safdar, No.103, 16th Main, 17th 'F' Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Madina Nagar, Bengaluru-560076, to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.22,16,295.50 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five and paise Fifty Only) as on 08.08.2024** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with cost and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **22nd Day of December 2025.**
The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Head Office Branch** for an amount of **Rs.22,16,295.50 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five and paise Fifty Only) as on 08.08.2024** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Hongasandra Village Gramatana Khaneshmari, Old No.15, Present Khatha No.15/2, property bearing No.2, situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 44 feet and North to South 17 feet total measuring 748 Sq.ft and bounded on: East by : Remaining portion of the same property, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Date : 22.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **The Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited**

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda, ROSARB - Bangalore South, 4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, Trinity Circle, Bangalore - 560 001. Tele Phone : 080-25011441, Extn. - 128, E-Mail : sarbes@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/ Mortagagor (s)	detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	A) Branch Name B) Account Number C) Total Dues.	1) Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1) Sri Beereswara Enterprises, Through its Proprietor : Mr. Shanthakumar K C S/o. Sri Chikkahemagiriyappa, No. E41, Kambipura East Side, Kumbalgudu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560060. **2) Mrs. Manjula K C** W/o. Mr. Shanthakumar K C **(Gaurantor)**, No. E41, Kambipura East Side, Kumbalgudu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560060.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant site No. 2171, in a layout formed by the BDA, situated at 4th "B" Block, Banashankari, 6th Stage, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 12.00 Meters and North to South 18.00 Meters, totally measuring 216.00 Square Meters and **bounded by : East :** Site No. 2172, **West :** Site No. 2170, **North :** BDA Property, **South :** Road. Known Encumbrances: NIL	A. ROSARB Branch B. 59310500000260, Rs. 82,57,201/- 59310600001380, Rs. 78,350/- C. Rs. 83,35,551/- as on 13.12.2025 and with further interest theron at the contractual Rate from 14.12.2025 plus Costs charges and expenses till Date of Payment.	15.01.2026 from 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM.	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,26,36,000/- EMD Rs. 12,63,600/- BID Increase Amount : Rs. 25,000 /-	VACANT- Plot SYMBOLIC Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 22.12.2025)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Pending Charges regarding Property Tax, E khata making charges and any other legal charges to be borne by the highest bidder. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No.9137960132

Date: 22.12.2025, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

ಕಳೆದು ಹೋದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 040, ವಿಜಯನಗರ, ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಡಾವಣೆ, 10ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 513ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ. ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪರವರ ಮಗನಾದ ಸುಮಾರು 49 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಶ್ರೀ. ತಿಪ್ಪೇಶ್ ವೈ.ಬಿ. ಆದ ನನ್ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಹಕ್ಕುಭಾದ್ಯತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕರಿವೋಬನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೇ 136 ಮತ್ತು 1/1ನೇ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬ್ಲೂ ಜೇ ಎಂಟರ್ ಪ್ರೈಸಸ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸದರಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಬ್ಲೂ ಜೇ ಸನ್‌ಶೈನ್ ಹಿಲ್ಸ್ ರಿಲೀಜ್ 2 ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಗುರುತಿಸಿರುವ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ 66ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಅಸಲು ಖಾತಾ ಪತ್ರವು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ದೂರು ನಂ. 1966175/2025 ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
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D.R MANJUNATH SWAMY, Advocate
Roll No. Kar/2746/02
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E-AUCTION

NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 09.01.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) & Co-obligant(s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" on 09.01.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **08.01.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/ Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Penal Charges + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr.Srinivas** S/o Mr. Puttamaraiah **(2) Mr.Rekha V** W/o Mr.Srinivas **(3) Mr.Kiran Kumar S** S/o Mr.Srinivas, **All are residing at :** No.166,M.G Road,Near K N S Circle, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No. 4407001600017201**	**Rs.1,56,74,435.74 [Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Seventy Four Only] & Future Interest from 15.12.2025 plus penal Charges and costs.**	**24.02.2025 & Constructive**	**(1) Khata No.665/B/870B/666/D/871/864/D,Property No.12-2-105B, measuring 820 Sq.ft. (2) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-02-103,measuring 494.82 Sq.ft (3) Khata No.665A/870/A/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-2-103A,measuring 667 Sq.ft (4) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A2, Property No.12-2-103A2,measuring 194.54 Sq.ft (5)Khata No.666C/871/864C, Property No.12-2-105D,measuring 693.75 Sq.ft (6) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105D1,measuring 269 Sq.ft (7) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105A,measuring 856 Sq.ft (8) Khata No.665/870/666A/864/A1, Property No.12-2-103A1,measuring 319.64 Sq.ft (9) Khata No.666B/871/864/B, Property No.12-2-105C, measuring 924 Sq.ft,** Now all the sites are amalgamated into single site, bearing the No.12-2-103,SAS No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, measuring 668.03853110 Sq.mtr situated at MG Road East Side (NH209) Near KNS Circle, Ward No.24, Kanakapura belonging to **Mr.Srinivasa. Boundaries of property as per Documents: East by :** D. Kantha & C K Shivanna's Road, **West by :** M G Road and Property of Gopalakrishna and others, **North by :** Property of Divakar, **South by :** Property of R. Krishnamurthy and Others.	**Rs. 3,33,61,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand only)**	**Rs. 33,36,100/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Only)**	**11.30 AM to 12.15 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Kanakapura Branch A/c No: 4403500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000440**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s)
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com.
The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on **09.01.2026 at above mentioned time** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **08.01.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD**(Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com) Contact No. :** 8885035382, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 18.12.2025
Place: Tumakuru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA

Admn. Office: High Court Building (New Annexe), Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001.

THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08.10.2025 calling upon the borrower **Smt. Divyashree M.G. W/o. Manjunath K.** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.54,60,000/-** further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **23rd day of December of the year 2025.**
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount **Rs.54,60,000/-** and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : **Smt. Divyashree M.G.**
Surety Name : **Sri. Vijayakumar K.**
Loan Amount : **Rs.54,60,000/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.**

Schedule A

All That piece and parcel of Site No. 2,carved out of Sy No. 51/1A2, BBMP Khatha No. 77, BBMP Ward No. 40, situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West 32 Feet, and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1280 Sq Ft & Bounded on: East By: Road, West By: Private Property, North By: Site No. 1 (Property belongs to Manjunath K.) South By: Site No. 3 (Remaining portion of Sy No. 51/1A2).

Sd/-
Date : 22.12.2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

Gill, Abhishek and Arshdeep in Punjab squad

Indian ODI skipper Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma and pacer Arshdeep Singh were on Monday named in the Punjab squad for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, in line with BCCI's diktat of mandatory participation in the National One-Day Championship. Gill, who was dropped from India's T20 World Cup squad, and Arshdeep might just be available for two to three games.

Post WC win, financial gain for domestic women cricketers

From ₹20,000 per day, the BCCI has increased the match fee for senior women to ₹50K (one-dayers/red-ball) and ₹25K (T20s); jr women cricketers also benefit

GOMESH S @Chennai

IN what comes as a major boost for women cricketers, the BCCI has massively increased the domestic match fee after Harmanpreet Kaur and her team lifted the World Cup last month.

Per the latest revision, a senior women cricketer will receive ₹50,000 per day as match fee (playing member) for one-dayers and multi-day events and ₹25,000 for T20s (playing member). For the reserves, it would be ₹25,000 and ₹12,500, respectively. Previously, the playing XI member would get ₹20,000 and the reserve player would get ₹10000. Meanwhile, for age-group cricketers, the new pay would be ₹25,000 for one-dayers and ₹12,500 for reserves (one-dayers and T20s).

This pay raise comes soon after India women ended their ICC trophy drought by beating South Africa and winning the ODI World Cup on November 2. A day after the WC triumph, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia had told this daily that a decision will be taken soon when asked about the central contracts and domestic pay for women. "A lot of new things will come up after yesterday's (Sunday) paradigm shift in our women's cricket. We will do something which we are going to announce in a very short time," Saikia had said. On Monday, the decision was made to increase the domestic match fee of women cricketers at the BCCI Apex Council meeting.

DOMESTIC MATCH FEE FOR WOMEN (INR)

Category	Previous pay structure				New pay structure			
	One-day/Multi-day		T20s		One-day/Multi-day		T20s	
	Playing XI	Reserves	Playing XI	Reserves	Playing XI	Reserves	Playing XI	Reserves
Senior	20000	10000	20000	10000	**50000**	**25000**	**25000**	**12500**
Age-Group	10000	5000	10000	5000	**25000**	**12500**	**12500**	**6250**

Former India captain Diana Edulji welcomed the BCCI's decision, especially after the World Cup win. "It will encourage a lot more players in domestic cricket to improve also. A very good step taken. I congratulate BCCI. I think women's cricket is on an upward curve at the moment," Edulji told this daily. "We've got a World Cup coming up now. I think there are two good preparations, one to Australia and one in England before that. We have the WPL also. We are on the right track and there's nothing like it if we could win two World Cups in a row," she added. Currently an advisor to Mumbai Cricket Association, Edulji said that it will help the women cricketers to stay in the game without worrying about the financial burdens. "It's a very, very, very big step. I also hope that someone would have thought of increasing the central contracts also for the India players, because it's long overdue. I'm not saying that bring it on same terms as the men, because I've never been in favour of that at the moment. But definitely they could have doubled that also, especially after the World Cup win. It would motivate the players to do well. I think financial security is very, very important to help the girls come out and just play without any fear and also help the families to bring their daughters onto the ground and make this a career," Edulji said.

It is a point former India captain Shantha Rangaswamy had also made when the BCCI made the match fee equal for international cricketers. "If you increase the match fee in domestic cricket, it will benefit a lot more people. The minute the financial burden on the parents is not there, a lot more will be encouraged to take up the sport. I am sure even that will happen sooner rather than later," Shantha had said at the time.

Meanwhile, another former player who did not want to be named hoped that the BCCI would also consider some benefits for past cricketers. "I wish something would have been for the past players also. The pension could have been increased. That would have been really nice. We played in an era where there was no money. Something could have been done for past cricketers as well," the former cricketer under the conditions of anonymity.

NSFs can defer polls till 2026: Ministry

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NEEDS TO BE SEEN

If this move will be fine with the International Federations and International Olympic Committee. Can this move be termed as an interference by the government into the affairs of the IOA and NSFs, which are autonomous bodies?

The Act does not speak on age cap of 70. If a candidate is below 70 at the time of nomination and contesting for the posts of office bearer he can continue until 75 years of age

There is also no clarity over those who have already completed three tenures of four years. There is no provision that restricts them to not contest after finishing 12 years

IN its bid to ensure full implementation of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the sports ministry on Monday allowed national sports federations (NSFs), whose elections are scheduled to be held in the coming months, to defer the polls up to December 31, 2026. The relaxation was given to allow the NSFs enough time to comply with the provisions of the Act.

Elections of the All India Football Federation, Hockey India and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) are the most-awaited polls scheduled in the next year. Going by the fresh directives issued by the ministry, the existing executive committees of the abovementioned bodies can continue till the end of 2026. But the bigger question will be how the International Olympic Committee and International Federations perceive this move and whether it will be deemed as interference by the government. "Compliance requirements under NSG Act, 2025 necessitate adequate preparation time for NSFs to establish robust electoral structure and procedures, and alignment of the Constitution/Bye-laws of NSFs with the NSG Act. In accordance with the provision of the NSG Act, 2025, every NSF will be required to undertake appropriate measures to restructure its general body and to ensure that all their voting members and affiliate units are fully aligned with the provisions of the NSG Act, 2025," read a letter sent to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and all NSFs by the sports ministry.

The ministry, in the letter, admitted that changes as prescribed by the NSG Act, 2025 cannot be implemented in the limited timeframe available to the NSFs, who are scheduled to go into polls soon. "The Ministry has reviewed the election schedules of the NSFs and found that implementation of changes is foundational in nature and it may be difficult to complete these changes effectively within the limited timeframe available to NSFs whose elections are due in the coming months. In order to facilitate the smooth transition under the new governance framework as also to allow adequate time for implementation of the statutory requirements under the NSG Act, 2025 by the NSFs, it has been decided that those NSFs, whose elections are scheduled to be held in the coming months, except the cases where there are specific directions by Courts of Law, are allowed to defer the elections up to 31st December, 2026 - as a transitional measure."

The ministry said that the existing executive committee of the NSF concerned can continue by extending the tenure of the current office-bearers. "The incumbent office-bearers/members shall continue to perform their duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the bye-laws and under the Sports Code or the applicable legislation," said the letter. However, the ministry has clarified that this is a one-time extension only for transitional purposes. "This one-time extension is solely for the purpose of transitioning to the new electoral framework established under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025. This issues with the approval of the competent authority."

It needs to be seen if the new constitution of the NSFs would allow former presidents and secretaries who finished their 12-year tenure to come back and contest elections. The NSG is silent on the tenure cap of 12 years for office-bearers. For president it was with or without four-year cooling off, while for the secretary and treasurer it was two terms of four years followed by a cooling off of four years and one more term of four years. It needs to be seen how NSG mandates.

Can Chamari & Co bounce back?

After loss in the first T20I, SL aim for better show against India on Tuesday. A look...

Fielding in focus

Even as they kickstarted the T20 World Cup preparations, the focus remains on their fielding for India women. They had a forgettable day on the field in the first T20I, including dropped catches but that did not affect the result. They would want to be better on the field in the second T20I.

Pressure on captain

Sri Lanka did not have a memorable World Cup, partially thanks to the rain in Colombo. As they gear up for the next marquee event, there is once again a lot of pressure on skipper Chamari Athapaththu to deliver. As witnessed on Sunday, if she falters, the rest are not able to keep up the intent.

INDIA VS SRI LANKA, VISAKHAPATNAM • LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR, 7 PM

Alaskan Knights' Arjun Erigaisi makes a move during his tie against Anish Giri | GCL

GCL: Pipers to take on Kings in title decider

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LEON Luke Mendonca's draw on the prodigy board was worth more as Alpine SG Pipers qualified for the final in the ongoing Global Chess League (GCL), a joint initiative of Tech Mahindra and FIDE, on Monday. They will take on table-toppers Triveni Continental Kings in the decider. Alpine SG Pipers' had their fate in their own hands in their final league game as they were locked on 15 match points with Ganges Grandmasters and needed to either beat Alaskan Knights or at least score six game points to seal the second spot on the leaderboard on a better game point score. Pipers finished with 84 game points against 83 for the Grandmasters.

Alaskan Knights also needed a win to at least qualify for the third-place play-off and they did that in style as world champion D Gukesh pounced on an error from Fabiano Caruana and Arjun Erigaisi defeated Anish Giri with black pieces to score eight valuable points.

For the Pipers, three-time women's world champion Hou Yifan delivered a third win in three matches, this time beating Kateryna Lagno in just 20 moves. At that stage, the Pipers looked primed to advance but the two top Indian chess stars delivered a masterclass when it mattered for the team to give the Pipers' some anxious moments. With R Praggnanandhaa and Nino Batsiashvili playing out solid draws, Pipers' fate depended on Mendonca managing to draw a game against Daniel Darda on the prodigy board. And he ensured that Darda did not have a chance to make any further inroads and signed the peace pact after 42 moves despite his opponent having a slight advantage at that stage. Earlier, Ganges Grandmasters had beaten Fyers Amerian Gambits 12-3 in their last league match.

SHOOTING

Navy's Kiran captures gold in national meet

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NAVY'S Kiran Ankush Jadhav produced a composed and consistent performance to clinch the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle final at the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions, currently underway here at the MP State Shooting Academy.

Jadhav finished with 252.1, holding off Olympian Arjun Babuta, who secured silver with 251.4, while reigning 50m rifle 3 positions national champion Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar completed the podium with 229.8.

Arjun's Railways teammate Shahu Tushar Mane finished fourth with 209.3, followed by Himanshu (181.1), Ramayana Tomer (166.7), Onkar Vikas Waghamare (145.4) and Pradeep Singh (123.3) to round out the final lineup.

In the men's junior 10m air rifle final, Gujarat's Mohammed Murtaza Vania delivered an authoritative display to secure the gold medal with 254.3. Abhinav Shaw of West Bengal claimed the silver with 251.6, while Onkar Vikas Waghamare finished third with 230.1 to earn the bronze medal.

Naraen Pranav of Karnataka finished fourth with 209, following a shoot-off with Onkar, while Divyanshu Shailendra Dewangan (187.5) and Parth Mane (166.9) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

EXPRESS READ

Liverpool fear striker Isak has broken leg

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool are awaiting scan results they fear will confirm record signing Alexander Isak has suffered a broken leg after he was injured in their win against Tottenham, reports said on Monday. The Sweden forward was hurt in the act of scoring the opening goal in Saturday's 2-1 victory after a sliding challenge from Spurs defender Micky van der Ven. Isak, 26 was unable to celebrate with his teammates and left the pitch in considerable distress.

U19 Asia Cup: Pak colts get hefty reward

KARACHI: Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Monday announced a cash award of 10 million rupees for Pakistan's U19 Asia Cup-winning squad members. The Pakistan colts thumped India by 191 runs on Sunday to claim the title. Sharif made the announcement at a reception for the team and officials in Islamabad where he lauded the team's performance. Sarfaraz Ahmed, the mentor and manager of the team, told the media after the reception that the Prime Minister has announced cash award.

Renewed SG Pipers seek fresh start

CHENNAI: The SG Pipers men's team has arrived in Chennai as preparations intensify ahead of the upcoming Hockey India League Season 2, scheduled to begin on January 3, 2026. As the league returns, the Pipers are approaching the season with renewed intent and a sharper focus on consistency, execution, and improved on-field outcomes. The squad features a balanced mix of experienced Indian internationals and emerging young talent.

Connolly looks forward to IPL test

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Cooper Connolly will be representing Punjab Kings in the upcoming IPL

COOPER Connolly, the latest Australian signing of Punjab Kings in the recent IPL auction, is keen to challenge himself against the best in the world. "Everyone goes to this tournament (IPL) because it's probably going to be the most competitive. And also looking forward to getting over there and challenging myself against some of the best bowlers in the world," the left-hand batter from Australia said in a virtual media interaction on Monday.

"Yeah, it's very different to Australia. We've obviously got some fast, bouncy wickets. But that challenge of playing spin is a challenge that is tough for everyone. So, it's just about picking the brains of people that have done it for a long period of time and understanding how they go about it, I guess, add their method into my game and see how I can sort of play in those spinning conditions."

Connolly, who bats at No 3 for Perth Scorchers in the Big Bash League, said that he is open to bat anywhere PBKS needs him. "I feel like I'm still learning the role at number three for the (Perth) Scorchers. It's a role I enjoy. But if the role in the IPL is different, that's totally understandable because it's a world class team. To just be in the middle order would be sort of a nice opportunity just to sort of knuckle down and get to work in the middle order," he said. "I like to model my game on being able to be versatile in any position. So whether that's at three, whether that's in the middle, I'm happy to perform any role," Connolly added.

For someone who made his List A and T20 debut in 2023, Connolly had had a steady rise. The 22-year-old has played one Test, eight ODIs and six T20Is for Australia and is slowly becoming a household name in white-ball cricket. "I think over the last three years, it's been about understanding how different the international level is. It's about adjusting to that, understanding how bowlers are trying to get me out more and how I can counter that."

SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW

Excitement had been building for hours Sunday and wintry showers failed to dampen the mood. Beninese artist Angelique Kidjo, Moroccan singer Jaylann and French-Moroccan rapper Lartiste performed the tournament's official song for the first time during a spectacular light show for the opening ceremony. But the highlight for the Moroccan fans – judging by the sea of smartphones to capture the moment – was the appearance just before kickoff of the king's eldest son beside Infantino and Patrice Motsepe, the president of the Confederation of African Football.

It's time for Africa: Morocco begin AFCON with 2-0 win

A spectacular bicycle kick earned royal approval for Ayoub El Kaabi as hosts Morocco opened the 35th Africa Cup of Nations with a 2-0 win over Comoros on Sunday. A look at the opening match and other contenders...

ROYAL DELIGHT

Home fans including Moroccan Crown Prince Moulay Hassan, who greeted the players before kickoff, had endured a frustrating game as island nation Comoros, ranked 108th in the world, stubbornly held out against one of the tournament favourites. Comoros goalkeeper Yannick Pandor even saved an early penalty from Soufiane Rahimi. Brahim Diaz finally broke the deadlock in the 55th minute, setting off relieved celebrations around the stadium, before **El Kaabi** sealed the win with an overhead kick in the 74th. The prince, watching from his royal box, was unable to conceal his delight as he applauded.

Ayoub El Kaabi (L) scored a stunner on Sunday | AFP

Atlas Lions ready to roar

Morocco are backed by many to lift what would be just their second Africa Cup title 50 years after the first in 1976. Morocco are the highest-ranked African team at No 11. The Atlas Lions became the first from Africa to reach the World Cup semifinals in 2022. The opening match was played in Rabat's renovated almost 70,000-capacity Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium.

Monday's results: Morocco 2-0 Comoros; Mali 1-1 Zambia; **Tuesday's fixtures:** DR Congo vs Benin (6 pm); Senegal vs Botswana (8:30 pm).

SALAH & CO SEEK EIGHTH TITLE

Egypt was scheduled to begin campaign against Zimbabwe in Agadir on Monday (wee hours of Tuesday, IST). Star forward Mohamed Salah is aiming to lead Egypt to a record-extending eighth title. The 33-year-old has never won the continental title, but ended up on the losing side in final defeats by Cameroon in 2017 and Senegal in 2022. His goals this year have already helped Egypt qualify for the World Cup.

OTHER CONTENDERS

Senegal, winners in 2022 and with a squad featuring Sadio Mane and Iliman Ndiaye, reigning champions Ivory Coast, Mohamed Salah's Egypt and a Nigeria side led by Victor Osimhen are among the biggest rivals for Morocco.

2024 *Morocco are aiming to follow the example of Ivory Coast, who won the last AFCON as hosts in 2024.*

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KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

Hypertension in kids on rise in India

A 15-year-old boy, who was obese and lived in a boarding school in Bengaluru, was taken to a hospital as he was suffering from a severe cold and cough. On routine checking, doctors found that his blood pressure (BP) readings were high for his age, and even his cholesterol was mildly elevated. He was not prescribed any medication to control his BP, but advised to monitor it twice weekly and also carry out lifestyle modifications like reducing weight, avoiding junk food and doing regular physical activity along with meditation and yoga. Six months later, after the boy lost significant weight, doctors were happy to see that his BP readings were regular.

According to Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, consultant paediatrician at Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru, who treated the child, the school student's BP returned to normal because it was detected early. "This case tells us the importance of early detection of hypertension and how lifestyle modifications can curb hypertension at an early age."

What worried the doctor was the hypertension, which once was primarily diagnosed in adults, as it is now being reported by health care professionals across the world and in India among children and adolescents.

The Bengaluru teenager's case is not an isolated one. In India, as well as globally, an increasing number of children are being detected with BP or hypertension. Described as paediatric hypertension, it has now become a growing global concern.

Dr Rajiv Narang, professor and HOD of cardiology, AIIMS, New Delhi, said in recent years the topic of childhood hypertension has received increasing attention worldwide. He said this is also reflected in a recent meta-analysis published in the medical journal 'The Lancet'. The meta-analysis included 83 studies encompassing approximately 440,000 children. Its findings clearly demonstrated that the prevalence of hypertension among children is rising globally, Dr Narang added.

The study showed that from 2000 to 2020, the prevalence of hypertension among children and adolescents under the age of 19 years has nearly doubled, increasing from about 3.2% to 6.2%, thus affecting 114 million young people around the world.

More than 9% of children and adolescents have masked hypertension — high blood pressure that only shows up with out-of-office tests, meaning hypertension could be undetected during regular checkups, it found.

Data from India is also consistent with global trends on rising hypertension among children and adolescents. Several Indian studies, including those conducted at AIIMS, New Delhi, have reported prevalence rates ranging from 3% to 30%, depending on the population studied and the methodology used.

There is growing evidence that blood pressure tracks from childhood into later life, thereby increasing the long-term risk of coronary heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular complications. "Childhood hypertension is an important clinical and public health concern because elevated blood pressure in early life predisposes individuals to cardiovascular disease in adulthood."

Though India has launched the Indian Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI), an initiative involving the Union Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments, and the World Health Organisation (WHO), it does not address childhood hypertension.

According to Dr P Ganeshkumar, head of non-communicable diseases division, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai, an estimated 200 million (20 crore) adults in India suffer from hypertension.

"The overall prevalence of hypertension in the age group 18-69 years is 28.5%," he said, adding that hypertension is the number one risk factor for deaths related to cardiovascular diseases (CVDs).

RISK FACTORS

BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORIES

Normal: Below 120/80 mmHg

Elevated: Systolic (top) 120-129 and diastolic (bottom) <80 mmHg

Stage 1: Systolic 130-139 or diastolic 80-89 mmHg

Stage 2: Systolic 140 or higher or diastolic 90 or higher

Hypertensive crisis: Systolic >180 and/or diastolic >120 mmHg (requires immediate care)

PRIMARY (ESSENTIAL) HYPERTENSION

Primary hypertension occurs on its own, without an identifiable cause. This type of high blood pressure occurs more often in children age six and older. The risk factors for developing primary hypertension include:

■ Smoking or exposure to second hand smoke ■ Being overweight or having obesity ■ Having a family history of high blood pressure ■ Having type-2 diabetes or a high fasting blood sugar level ■ Having high cholesterol ■ Eating too much salt ■ Being Black or Hispanic ■ Being male ■ Being sedentary

SECONDARY HYPERTENSION

Secondary hypertension is High BP by an identifiable cause and more common in young children. These include:

■ Chronic kidney disease ■ Polycystic kidney disease ■ Heart problems, such as severe narrowing (coarctation) of the aorta ■ Adrenal disorders ■ Overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism) ■ Narrowing of the artery to the kidney (renal artery stenosis) ■ Sleep disorders, especially obstructive sleep apnea ■ Certain drugs and medications, including those used to relieve a stuffy nose (decongestants), stimulants used to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), caffeine, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and steroids ■ Cocaine, methamphetamine and similar drugs

SELF CARE

The treatment for high blood pressure is similar in children and adults, usually starting with lifestyle changes. Even if your child takes medication for high blood pressure, lifestyle changes can make the medication work better

CONTROL YOUR CHILD'S WEIGHT: If your child is overweight, achieving a healthy weight or maintaining the same weight while getting taller can lower blood pressure

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY DIET: Encourage your child to eat fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean sources of protein, such as fish and beans, while limiting fat and sugar

DECREASE SALT IN YOUR CHILD'S DIET: Children aged 2-3 should not have more than 1,200mg of sodium a day, and older children shouldn't have more than 1,500mg a day

LIMIT PROCESSED FOODS which are often high in sodium, and limit eating at fast-food restaurants, whose menu items are full of salt, fat and calories

GET THE FAMILY INVOLVED It can be hard for your child to make healthy lifestyle changes if other family members don't eat well or exercise. Set a good example

LIMIT SCREEN TIME To encourage your child become more active, limit time in front of the TV, computer, smartphone or other devices

ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY Kids should get 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily

*Source: Mayo clinic

Top reasons

Obesity has emerged as the top reason for hypertension among children. The Lancet study clearly shows that children and adolescents with obesity are at nearly eight times higher risk of developing high blood pressure, and approximately 19% of children with obesity have hypertension, compared to 2.4% of kids and adolescents who are considered to be within a healthy weight range.

As per a WHO report globally, 33 million children under five years were classified as overweight in 2000, which rose to 37 million by 2022. What is worrisome is that an earlier Lancet study has predicted that about 450 million adults in India are expected to be overweight or obese in 2050.

Dr Samir Kubba, director and unit head, Narayana Dharamshila Superspeciality Hospital, Delhi, states that the leading causes of childhood hypertension include childhood obesity, unhealthy dietary patterns since childhood, lack of exercise, sedentary childhood patterns, excess time on social media, etc. "All these factors contribute to rising rates of hypertension in adolescents."

Other reasons include consumption of salt-rich, high-calorie foods or ultra-processed food; abnormal sleep patterns, stress, smoking, etc. Quoting various studies, Dr Gupta said urban, overweight youth are significantly more likely to develop hypertension.

"There are multiple reasons for children developing hypertension. But the question arises as to what can be done to address this emerging health problem," said Dr Narang.

First step — early screening

The first step is to recognise hypertension in children as an essential public health issue. And, the best way forward is regular screening. However, screening for hypertension in children presents specific challenges compared with adults. Blood pressure measurement in children requires the use of appropriately sized cuffs for different ages and arm circumferences. Moreover, blood pressure cut-off values vary with age, sex, and height, necessitating the availability of reference charts at screening sites.

Studies conducted by investigators at AIIMS, New Delhi, have proposed simplified age-based cut-offs to facilitate large-scale screening: blood pressure should be less than 120/80 mmHg at five years of age, less than 125/85 mmHg at 10 years, and less than 135/90 mmHg at 15 years. "These simplified thresholds can be effectively used in school and community screening programs," said Dr Narang. Early warning signs of elevated BP also pose a challenge. So, parents and teachers should take note when a child complains of persistent headaches, fatigue, changes in vision, and chest discomfort.

"All these may signal the need for medical assessment in older children. Early detection is important to prevent or slow down the progression of hypertension or its associated complications and helps in better management," added Dr Gupta.

As prevention is the best cure, strategies must focus on addressing modifiable risk factors, experts added.

Dr Ganeshkumar suggested that control of elevated blood pressure among kids can be easily achieved through lifestyle interventions in schools and communities. "Childhood obesity is often associated with elevated blood pressure. Therefore, by reducing childhood obesity, the incidence of hypertension could be reduced further."

Efforts should also be undertaken by the government, schools and even parents to reduce childhood obesity through promotion of healthy diets, promoting regular physical activity, and broader lifestyle interventions.

Parents must be role models for their children when it comes to adopting healthy dietary and lifestyle habits. "Parenting is a great responsibility. Community and parental education are a must. The school educational curriculum must focus on healthy dietary and lifestyle patterns, encourage sports, encourage BP monitoring early, maybe from classes 10 or 12, especially in high-risk groups - obese children, children with family history of hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular disease," he added.

Early childhood detection of hypertension is the only way forward, keeping in mind that cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death and disability in India – a concerning issue also highlighted by a Lancet study. "Early identification and prevention of hypertension in childhood have the potential to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in the future significantly," Dr Narang summed up.

BREAST CANCER

Reconstruction after mastectomy can give women more confidence

SINDUJA JANE @ Chennai

KAVITHA* was 48-years-old when she was diagnosed with cancer in one of her breasts. Since she had a family history of cancer, doctors didn't rule out her chances of cancer developing in the other breast too. All this was overwhelming for Kavitha, as she was worried if she could lead a normal life after mastectomy - removal of breast. When doctors explained to her about breast reconstruction, and cleared all her doubts, she got the confidence to remove both her breasts. Support from her husband also gave her the mental strength to go ahead with the procedure.

"Today, I can lead a normal life, without any hesitation. All my old blouses fit well. I can attend functions, dress up how I used to before surgery, ride my two wheeler, and also carry heavy bags. I have the confidence. This is what breast reconstruction can do to you," said Kavitha at an event on World Breast Reconstruction Day recently.

In India, less than 1% of breast cancer patients choose reconstruction after mastectomy, while the rest are deterred by cultural norms, financial constraints, and mainly due to lack of awareness, say doctors. Breast reconstruction is a surgical procedure to restore the shape of a breast after mastectomy. Reconstruction is done using implants or the patient's own skin fat from the abdomen, back or thighs. With implants, patients might require revision surgery. Since it is made of synthetic material, it will stand out when the patient's other natural breast sag or if she loses body weight.

But, using the patient's own skin fat, creates a breast that will be natural. It will sag in the aging process, and also will reduce in size when the patient loses weight. Skin grafting using abdominal fat is a golden standard for breast reconstruction today, explained Dr Venkat Ramakrishnan, senior consultant, plastic and reconstructive surgeon at Chennai Breast Cancer and Apollo Proton Cancer Centre. He has performed over 10,000 surgeries.

Not all patients with breast cancer need mastectomy. "Only patients with large cancers or more than one small tumour in the same breast need mastectomy. Approximately 30% of cases with breast cancer need mastectomy. For people with unicentric breast cancer, a single tumour located in the breast, doesn't need mastectomy, and their breasts can be preserved by just removing the tumour. Patients with smaller tumours will have the lump removed and have radiotherapy," added Dr Ramakrishnan.

Breast reconstruction after mastectomy is seen as a cosmetic procedure but not as a restorative surgery that corrects a physical deformity, Dr Selvi Radhakrishna, senior consultant, oncoplastic breast surgeon at Chennai Breast Centre said. Even health insurance companies see it as a cosmetic procedure if the breast cancer survivors postpone reconstruction surgery for a year or so after mastectomy.

FICTION TO FRONTIER

BIOPRINTING TURNS RELIABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR TESTING NEW DRUGS

UNNIKRISHNAN S @ T'Puram

THE dream of printing a human organ like a liver or a heart has long captivated the scientific community, especially as thousands of people lose their lives each year while waiting for a suitable donor. For liver patients, the stakes are particularly high because their condition often leaves very little room for delay.

Today, that hope is taking shape in specialised laboratories where researchers are working on a modern medical miracle – using 3D bioprinting to build tissues that look and act like the real thing. Instead of waiting for a donor, the process begins with a digital blueprint of the organ.

This design is fed into a printer loaded not with plastic or ink, but with "bio-ink", a sophisticated mixture of a patient's living cells and supportive materials. Guided by the digital map, the printer deposits this material layer by layer. What emerges is not yet a complete, pulsating organ, but a living scaffold where cells can grow, communicate, and eventually begin to function as a biological unit.

Even if fully functional hearts or kidneys are not yet ready, the technology is already changing lives. Bioprinted tissues are being used to test new medicines, helping researchers understand how a human liver might react to a drug without putting volunteers at risk. In hospitals, bioprinted skin is being applied to survivors of severe burns, offering a level of customisation that traditional grafts cannot match.

XPLAINER

Artificial tissues

By 2025, 3D bioprinting has transitioned from a science fiction concept into a sophisticated medical frontier. A significant milestone in this journey occurred in 2024, when the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) commercially launched India's first indigenous, patented bioink formulation.

This breakthrough allows for the creation of artificial tissues and functional organ structures that serve as vital models for the future of healthcare. Beyond transplants, this technology holds immediate promise as a way to test new drugs and chemicals, offering a reliable laboratory alternative that could eventually eliminate the need for animal testing.

Despite these leaps forward, doctors and scientists remain cautious as printing a complete organ is a challenge that may take years to overcome. "It is very challenging to print a heart which is a dynamic organ made of different types of cells at various points—the valve, chamber, walls. Liver does not have such structural intricacies. Printing skin is possible," explained Dr Anil Kumar PR, scientist at SCTIMST's biomedical technology wing in Thiruvananthapuram.

Furthermore, creating the vast and complex network of blood vessels required to keep an internal organ alive remains one of the greatest challenges in the field.

For patients, each breakthrough feels deeply personal. Every step forward in 3D bioprinting carries the promise of a healthier tomorrow, and the hope that one day, organ shortages will no longer stand between life and death.

GAME CHANGER

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DAY'S DIARY

Birth anniversary

Chesney Henry 'Chet' Baker Jr., a legendary American jazz trumpeter and vocalist, was born on this day in 1929

RECOGNITION

He attracted considerable attention as a member of Gerry Mulligan's renowned pianoless quartet, with songs such as *Walkin' Shoes*, *Bernie's Tune* and *My Funny Valentine*

UPS AND DOWNS

In 1966, his career took a turn when he got into a fight in US. He then moved to Europe and joined A&M's Horizon jazz where he had a most prolific career as a recording artist

THE DEATH CONTROVERSY

Chesney passed away in 1988 at Prins Hendrik Hotel in Amsterdam. The cause of his death is either drug abuse, murder, or suicide

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Say hello to winter with the season's fashion as experts recommend versatile layering and statement accessories like boots to must-have staples that mix style and practicality

COLD CALL

Faux fur, leather and knitwear are being used to add that extra depth to everyday outfits

Sustainability continues to influence winter wardrobes according to fashion designer Ruchika Bhat

The key to stay stylish is with smart layering, textured fabrics and playing with colours during the season

ANJALI RAM & SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

As winter quietly envelops Bengaluru, bringing with it misty mornings and chilly nights, fashion in the city is embracing its cosiness. Beyond the dramatic cold-weather dressing, this season is all about learning to work with the city's unpredictable climate. According to fashion model Sanjana Agnihothri, winter outerwear is finally having its moment. "Faux fur coats, trench coats and puffer jackets are big this winter," she says, adding that smart layering is key. "A breathable base paired with a wind-resistant outer layer keeps one warm without feeling weighed down. You should be able to remove a layer when the sun suddenly shows up," she notes, an important rule for a city known for weather mood swings.

Layering, however, doesn't have to mean bulk, Agnihothri adds. "Thin inner layers like tank tops, tees or shirts work best when offset with structured jackets or coats," she says. Whereas celebrity fashion stylist Khayr Ghayth leans toward comfort-first dressing, especially for Bengaluru's mild winters. "We often underestimate a good woollen sweater," she says, recommending it over hoodies for both warmth and style. For those who feel the cold more intensely, thermals are emerging as a game-changer. "A good thermal layer avoids the discomfort of piling on clothes," Ghayth shares.

Agnihothri also recommends wide-leg jeans, trousers or even skirts with stockings to maintain visual ease while staying warm. Texture, too, is playing a defining role this season. Both agree that faux fur, leather, velvet, lace and knitwear are being used to add depth to everyday outfits.

When it comes to colour palettes, this winter is split between earthy minimalism and bold expression. While Khayr notes a growing preference for black, beige, brown and muted tones, fashion designer Ruchika Bhat, founder of conscious label KiRu, sees a return to maximalism. "Classic knits with argyle, checks and houndstooth are back, but we're also seeing pops of red, sequins and bold colour combinations," she says.

One doesn't need to buy new clothes to curate a winter look since sustainability continues to influence winter wardrobes, as Bhat says, "Borrowing sweaters from parents or grandparents, reusing old layers and investing in one high-quality warm piece are being encourage." Indian textiles like kantha, she adds, offer warmth and longevity.

Workwear and campus dressing, too, are getting thoughtful updates. "A simple tee with bottoms can be elevated by a balaclava scarf this season," says Agnihothri. Other options are blazer dresses paired with stockings, wool coats, shawls styled with belts or pins, varsity jackets and denim layers can be versatile across various settings. Bhat also points to sarees paired with shawls as a major trend this wedding season. "Start with a cosy, form-fitting first layer. Fleece tights are a go-to. There's no such thing as a mistake in styling, just don't freeze for the sake of fashion," she laughs.

Besides the fits, accessories remain the simplest way to elevate winter looks. "A good pair of earrings, chains, a watch, a beanie or cap and a bag are my go-to winter accessories, shares Ghayth, adding winter add-ons can be both functional and expressive. Bhat highlights how Indian accessories like chunky bangles, bindis and statement earrings can be layered with winter staples to create distinctive looks.

Fashion model Sanjana Agnihothri calls faux fur coats, trench coats and puffer jackets the big hits of the season

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BOOTIFUL CHOICE

Whether you're navigating Bengaluru's crisp mornings or heading out for an evening rendezvous, the right pair of shoes can define an entire outfit, and boots are the winner of this season. Oversized layers, awkward hemlines or competing pieces often overshadow the footwear, while minimal styling lets boots shine on their own. Freelance creative director Aryan Gaurav Naidu puts it simply, "Let the boots breathe. Don't hide them under awkward lengths or overload the outfit. Keep the rest of the look clean so the boots naturally become the hero." The trick is pairing them with light layers like shirt dresses, midi skirts or relaxed trousers, so the outfit feels effortless, yet considered. Materials and shape matter more than flashy embellishments. Sleek faux leather or soft suede catches the winter light beautifully, instantly elevating even the simplest look. "A clean, well-shaped boots always looks expensive, even if it's simple. Materials matter too. Good faux leather or suede instantly elevates the look," Naidu notes. This season, clean ankle boots and soft knee-highs are the go-to, versatile choices, while overly chunky designs are fading. On dressing for the city's weather, he advises, "Bengaluru doesn't need heavy winter styling. Pair boots with light layers instead of thick knits. Keep it easy and breathable."

PEAK EUPHORIA!

The air was thick with desi beats as *Brown Munde* fame AP Dhillon lit up the stage with his One of One Tour at Embassy International Riding School

CITY READ

Rock guitarist closes India tour in the city

Tom Morello performed in Bengaluru as part of the final leg of his three-city India tour, his first in the country. The concert featured his work with Rage Against the Machine and his solo projects, combining socially driven themes with high-energy guitar performances. The evening included special moments such as Morello inviting his son on stage for a performance and a surprise collaboration with city-based hip-hop artist Hanumankind during the closing segment.

Dessert brand launches plum cake collection

Chocolate and dessert brand L'inoui has introduced a limited-edition plum cake collection for the festive season. The seasonal range features six variants tailored to diverse tastes and dietary needs: the classic traditional plum cake, sugar-free, eggless, non-alcoholic, kid-friendly, gluten-free and an extra-soaked indulgent version. The cakes are crafted in small batches and packed with slow-cooked fruits such as cranberries, blueberries, raisins, plums and blackcurrants. The cakes are priced at ₹1,850 onwards. For details, call 83106 82445.

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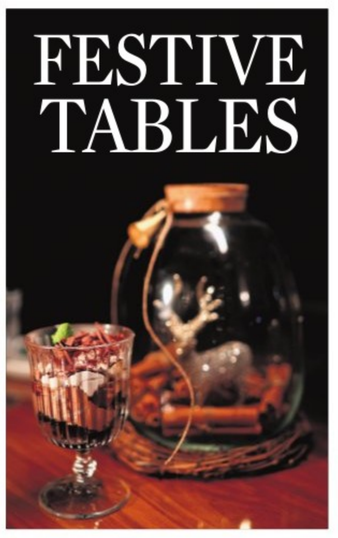
Here are some X'mas dining experiences unfolding across B'luru

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)



As December settles in, Bengaluru slips into a familiar festive rhythm where long lunches, leisurely dinners and indulgent desserts take centre stage. From intimate, chef-driven menus to generous, family-style feasts and artisanal bakery offerings, the city's restaurants and cafes are stepping in to take the stress out of home cooking and replace it with warmth, flavour, and celebration.

At the heart of the city, ParT-Two brings a contemporary and energetic spin to the festive table. Known for its Thai-leaning Asian tapas, cocktails, and immersive dining format, the restaurant has introduced a limited-edition Christmas menu alongside a Winter Tea offering, both available through December. Helmed by chefs Karan Upmanyu and Shaun Kenworthy, the Winter Tea menus marry European holiday comfort with their playful small plates philosophy. Dishes such as whipped feta with truffle honey, confit duck croquettes and Christmas chicken a la brasa are complemented by festive cocktails, including mulled wine, eggnog and a British boulevardier. Chef Upmanyu explains that the guiding inspiration was "the idea of blending European holiday warmth with our playful Asian leaning culinary identity," with the aim of keeping flavours familiar yet exciting. The Winter Tea menu, served in the late afternoon, offers a cosy interlude with savoury bites, delicate sweets and warming teas.

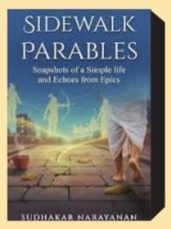
For those seeking nostalgia and deeply personal cooking, Klaa Kitchen's December celebrations are rooted in emotion and memory. The restaurant is offering a dinner exclusive Christmas menu, built around what Chef Partner Rhea Aaron describes as food that reflects "the way we cook in the Aaron household." Anchored in Goan heritage and family traditions, the menu balances refinement with comfort. Highlights include a delicate crab dumpling soup with chorizo chilli oil, a confit cafreal chicken leg with white bean fricassee and richer plates such as beef filet mignon and grandma Christine's pork chops. Desserts like a boozy chocolate trifle complete the experience.

According to Aaron, "the intention is for guests to feel Christmas not only when they arrive, but to carry those flavours and memories with them long after the meal ends."

A more expansive, family-friendly celebration awaits at Coracle's Christmas feast at the BIC Cafe. Titled 'A Coracle Christmas', the lunch spread is designed as a generous gathering that mirrors the warmth of home kitchens across Kerala and coastal India. Founder-chef Tresa Francis describes the menu as "a representation of the Christmas menu in my home," staying true to Coracle's philosophy of cooking food from homes. The feast features an extensive spread ranging from netholi fry and prawn pepper fry to pork roast, duck mappas, beef stroganoff and comforting stews. The all-inclusive lunch invites families and friends to linger over familiar flavours, with thoughtful pricing for children, making it one of the city's most inclusive festive tables.

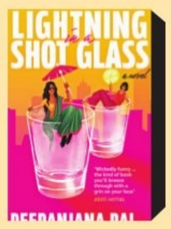
SAPA Bakery's festive collection brings European Christmas classics to the city through meticulous sourdough craftsmanship. Founded in Mysore by Dina Weber, their holiday offerings are anchored by their much-loved German stollen, a fruit-rich bread that matures beautifully over time. This year's collection also includes a classic vanilla panettone and Elisen lebkuchen-style gingerbread cookies. Rooted in heritage and storytelling, their festive bakes offer a quieter yet deeply meaningful way to celebrate Christmas, whether shared at breakfast tables or gifted to loved ones. Their Christmas collection is available exclusively via pre-orders on the Airmenus Christmas page, with doorstep delivery included.

BOOK NOOK



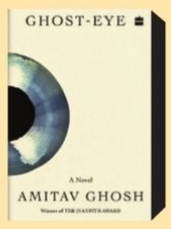
Sidewalk Parables
by Sudhakar Narayanan

This book is a mosaic of short narratives drawn from the many sidewalks the author has walked in life – be it as a son, a father, or a husband.



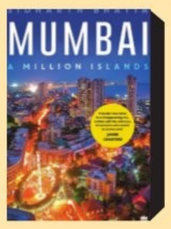
Lightning in a Shot Glass
by Deepanjana Pal

Original, electrifying, and whip-smart, *Lightning in a Shot Glass* is an ode to romance, a tribute to the magic and mayhem that is Mumbai, and a love letter to all women.



Ghost-Eye
by Amitav Ghosh

One day, in Calcutta, little Varsha, who comes from a strictly vegetarian family, demands to be fed fish. She remembers another life, another home, another mother who cooked fish for her. Half a century later, in present-day Brooklyn, one man's search for Varsha will awaken memories that refuse to stay buried.



Mumbai: A Million Islands
by Sidharth Bhatia

An urgent, journalistic deep dive into India's most dynamic metropolis and the struggles of those it leaves behind.

'SLEIGH'ING IN STYLE

Santa goes shopping at The Gourmet Baazaar's flea market recently at UB City | **KEVIN NASHON**

QUICKFIX

ENERGY BALLS

INGREDIENTS

- **Seedless dates:** 1 cup
- **Cacao powder:** 4 tbsp
- **Cashew powder**
- **Almonds:** ½ cup
- **Vanilla extract:** ½ tsp

METHOD

- Blend the dates and almonds in a food processor until they form a sticky mixture.
- Add cacao powder and vanilla extract and blend them into a dough-like consistency.
- Take small portions of the mixture and roll them into smooth balls.
- Coat each ball by rolling it in cashew powder. Store in an airtight container. Enjoy!

Contributed by **Nikita Solanki,** Bengaluru

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

RAAT AKELI HAI: THE BANSAL MURDERS (Hindi)

A seasoned investigator is summoned to a powerful family's estate to unravel a brutal killing, navigating deceit, entangled loyalties, and secrets buried deep within.

Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Revathy, Radhika Apte

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DOMINIC AND THE LADIES' PURSE (Malayalam)

Dominic, a disgraced ex-cop turned detective, takes on a seemingly simple case to locate a purse's owner, which unveils a dark web of missing persons, murder, a stalker and the mysterious dancer Nandhita.

Cast: Mammootty, Sushmitha Bhat, Viji Venkatesh

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

MAN VS BABY (English, series)

After a disastrous experience house-sitting a high-tech mansion hampered by an inconvenient insect, Trevor Bingley is now looking after a luxurious London penthouse, with another unlikely, un-asked-for companion.

Cast: Rowan Atkinson, Susannah Fielding, Ashley Jensen

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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HOW TO STAY NOURISHED & STRESS-FREE ON TRAVELS

Travel and vacations are meant to help us unwind, yet many people return feeling physically sluggish or mentally drained not because of indulgence, but because routine nutrition quietly slips away. Skipped meals, oversized portions and constant snacking on convenience foods can disrupt energy levels and digestion, making it harder to enjoy the experience fully. The good news is that maintaining balanced nutrition while travelling doesn't require rigid rules or constant restraint. A few mindful habits can help you stay consistent without taking away from the joy of the journey.

WHY FREQUENT TRAVEL DISRUPTS EATING HABITS

- Being away from home means irregular schedules, limited food choices and frequent eating out.
- Dehydration is common, portion sizes tend to be larger and hunger cues are often ignored until overeating becomes inevitable.
- Over time, this can leave you feeling bloated, tired or unsatisfied.

SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK

- **Plan lightly, not obsessively:** Looking up menus or local food options in advance allows you to make relaxed, informed choices instead of rushed decisions.
- **Stay hydrated throughout:** Carrying a refillable water bottle helps prevent dehydration, which is often mistaken for hunger.
- **Prioritise balanced meals:** Including a source of protein, fibre and healthy fats keeps you full longer and reduces constant grazing.
- **Be mindful of portion sizes:** Sharing meals or ordering smaller portions can help you enjoy local cuisine without overdoing it.
- **Choose whole foods when possible:** Fruits, vegetables, lean proteins and minimally processed foods support digestion and steady energy levels.
- **Limit alcohol mindfully:** Alcohol can disrupt hydration and appetite. Spacing drinks with water maintains balance.
- **Listen to your body:** Eating slowly and tuning into hunger and fullness cues prevents mindless overeating.

Vacations don't need to undo healthy habits. Nutrition consistency while travelling isn't about perfection it's about awareness. By staying hydrated, eating mindfully and making simple food swaps, you can support your body without sacrificing enjoyment. When balance replaces pressure, travel becomes not just relaxing, but genuinely restorative.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult—a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Two Rhythms

Enjoy an evening of back-to-back musical performances that move from nostalgia to dance-floor energy. The programme opens with a set of classic Kannada film songs, followed by a high-spirited Bollywood disco session for those looking to end the night on an upbeat note.

WHEN: December 28, 4pm onwards

WHERE: Krishnadevaraya Kalamandira, Malleswaram

CALL: 81977 17711

Soft Stitches

Slow down and spend an evening exploring the cosy world of wool art at this hands-on workshop. Learn simple techniques using wool and yarn to create decorative pieces such as wall hangings and keychains, guided step by step by an instructor.

WHEN: December 23, 6pm

WHERE: Hobby Ghar, Chamarajpet

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

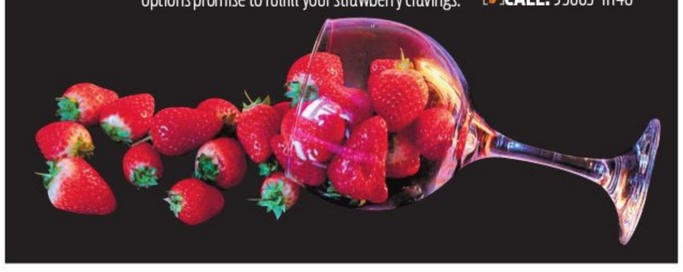
Berry Season

Looking forward to enjoy this winter with some 'cool' drinks? With options like strawberry latte, strawberry Thai tea and other seasonal favourites back for a limited time, these options promise to fulfill your strawberry cravings.

WHEN: December 23, 9am onwards

WHERE: Got Tea, Kalyan Nagar

CALL: 95603 11148



Joke Therapy

Round up your friends or come solo for a late-night stand-up session featuring a rotating lineup of Bengaluru-based comedians. Expect edgy humour and plenty of crowd energy as comics test new material and crowd favourites on stage. With food and drinks available through the evening, this show keeps things casual, lively and laughter-filled.

WHEN: December 23, 9pm

WHERE: Ministry of Comedy, Koramangala

DETAILS: district.in

Merry Go Round

Try your hand at wheel pottery at this workshop, where making a mess is part of the fun. No prior experience is needed for this 45-minute, beginner-friendly session.

WHEN: December 23, 11am onwards

WHERE: StoryZone, HSR Layout

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sacred Steps

Witness the Bharatanatyam arangetram of **Aanya Rao**, marking her solo debut on the classical stage. Trained by Sreedhara Akhihbbalu, the young dancer returns to the city to present this milestone performance rooted in tradition and years of rigorous practice.

WHEN: December 28, 3.30pm

WHERE: ADA Ranga Mandira, JC Road

CALL: 080 2221 9388

Pure Electronic

Music group Above & Beyond will headline a club night in the city, performing their signature electronic sound alongside **Nikhil Chinapa** and producer Weird Sounding Dude. The night will take place in a setting designed for an intimate live music experience.

WHEN: December 23, 7pm

WHERE: Cavore, Ashok Nagar

DETAILS: district.in

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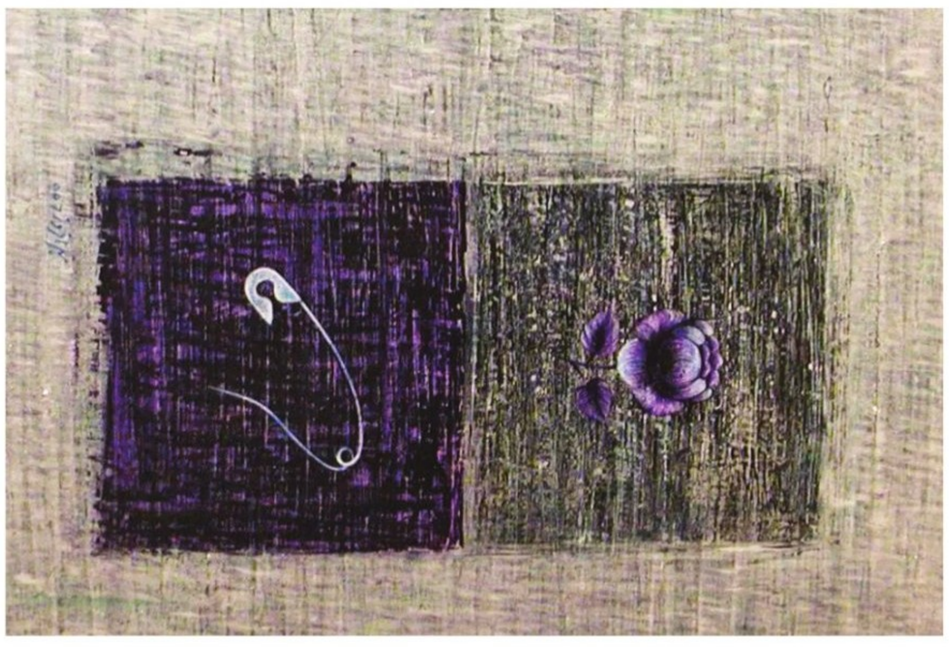

INVERSE POSITIONS

Artist Meher Afroz's artwork explores how inner worlds are shaped by external systems

DESIGN STORY

BE MERRY READY

CHRISTMAS is almost here, and the shift in the air is undeniable. All spaces are well-lit and decorated, a holiday mood is settling in, and ovens are filled with cookies around this time of year. Let's dive in and make our spaces merry too!

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic.

The tree: Less is almost always more

This is an apparent one, yet many get this wrong. Two key points here are to intentionally add ornaments so the tree is not cluttered and to make it personal. From personalised ornaments to pictures, it's your canvas, celebrating your family and loved ones. Add a tree skirt as the final touch to complete the look, and don't skimp on the lights.

Tablescape

Tablescapes have the most potential to add to the festivities, as they just require décor to be juxtaposed aesthetically, playing with heights. From printed table runners to printed ceramic crockery, the options are immense. The more economical way to do this would be using fabrics and laces from worn-out spreads to DIY your own table mats and coasters. Anything with checks or in the Christmas colours would make the table lively. Fairy lights in large glass vases as centrepieces work brilliantly too. Also, don't forget the festive food.

Doors and more

Some pieces of furniture hold tonnes of potential when it comes to adding festive vibes, starting with doors. From your main door to set the mood before guests walk in, to bookshelves, basin counters, coffee tables and countertops, sprinkle the Christmas magic everywhere. You can go the extra mile and deck up your washrooms using coloured napkins, scented candles, and decorated trays for toiletries.

Fragrance

Christmas is absolutely incomplete without spaces smelling like it, and fragrances are the easiest way to get your space ready. Christmas fragrances range from cinnamon, clove and mandarin to freshly baked goodies. Stock up on tapered candles in vintage holders for statement table décor. Light them throughout the space when not left unattended.

Lights and fabrics

Everything from reindeers to Santa are printed on fabrics this time of the year. Mix up cushion sizes and shapes, and don't be scared to throw in a couple of prints for the maximalist feel. Luxe fabrics like velvet in deep reds paired with neutrals complete the premium look. The fifth wall, which is the ceiling, can be adorned with a blanket of fairy lights while candles and light-up décor peek from the other corners. There is no such thing as too many lights; add strips on bookshelf edges and on the circumference of tables for the extra shimmer.

Think beyond the tree

Why should the tree have all the fun? Bring the outdoors indoors with fresh greenery and seasonal berries. Hang a branch above your table with paper cutouts and decorate stockings to add a nostalgic feel. Spread light-up décor in every nook and corner and use last year's gift wrapping ribbon to suspend baubles, creating a focal point in the space.

Remember to spend some time spreading smiles and enjoy the festivities with loved ones without stressing about having the perfectly decorated home. There is nothing merrier than a joy-filled space. Make your spaces glow while making sustainable choices so the planet gets to celebrate the festivities, too.

THE GREEN MANUAL

Fertilisers in India: What really works

Ekta Chaudhary
Author and founder of Garden Up, a company dedicated to greenifying spaces

EVERY gardener's dirty little secret? It's not the pots, not the plants, not even the watering can. It's fertiliser – the stuff you put in the soil decides whether your hedge looks like a lush wall of green or a scraggly bush pretending to be one.

And in India, we've got quite the menu of fertilisers to pick from – some as old as farming itself, some straight out of a chemistry lab. Let's break them down.

COMPOST – A MODERN COUSIN

2 Same family as dung but made from kitchen waste that has decomposed over time. Compost is hormone-free, eco-friendly, and full of nutrients. Downside? You'll still get some creepy crawlies, like beetle larvae, hanging out in the soil. They don't usually harm plants, but not everyone enjoys the extra company.

COW DUNG – GRANDMA'S FAVOURITE

1 Age-old, reliable and the first thing any gardener will suggest. Dried and powdered cow dung is packed with nitrogen and organic matter – basically plant protein powder. But here's the catch: the cattle are often pumped with hormones for milk production, and that load can trickle down into the dung. For edibles, that's not great. Plus, dung is a bug magnet. Beetles, flies and their babies will happily join your garden party.

GOAT DUNG – THE VILLAIN

3 Yes, it's sold everywhere. Yes, it looks tempting. But no, I don't recommend it. Goat dung tends to be too hot for plants. We've seen hardy champs like bougainvillea get burnt and turn absolutely black after a dose of it. Avoid unless you enjoy heartbreaks.

VERMICOMPOST – THE ROCKSTAR

4 This is compost that's been digested by earthworms, and it's honestly the best natural fertiliser you can get your hands on. Rich, crumbly, easy for plants to absorb, and with fewer insect issues compared to raw compost. If there's one organic fertiliser to swear by, it's this.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **THILAKCHANDARLAL,** S/o Balajilal, residing at No. 582, 1st Floor, Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560037, declare that my name appears as **THILAKCHANDARLAL B** in my 10th marks card and as **THILAKCHANDARLAL** in my Aadhaar card. Hereafter, I shall use the name **THILAKCHANDARLAL** for all official and legal purposes. Both names refer to the same person. vide affidavit **Dated: 19.12.2025** sworn before A. Idinabba, B.Sc., LL.B, Advocate and Notary public, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANTHA** W/o Ravikumar M H resident of #182 Kurubara Street, Ummadahalli, Krishnarajpet, Mandya, Karnataka-571404, solemnly declare:-that My name is changed from **SHANTHA RAVIKUMAR** to **SHANTHA** through vide affidavit dated 18/12/2025 sworn to before K C SHASHIKALA Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **T VENKATACHALAIAH**, aged about 88 years, residing at #46, Marasandra, Ramnagar, Karnataka-562112, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VENKATACHALAYYA** to **T VENKATACHALAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025, sworn to before A. Manjula, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No.14360444H, Rank Ex-Hav AIYAPPA C D, resident of #19, Kuvempunagara, 2nd Main, Kattigenahalli, Bagaluru Main Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560063, have changed the name of my spouse from **JANAKI** to **M C JANAKI** vide Affidavit Dated: 20/12/2025 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAIK IMTIYAZ @ IMTHIYAZ PASHA, Aged About 39 Years, Son of Mr. Rehamathulla, Presently Residing at No.11, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra, Dr. SRK Nagar Post, BANGALORE-560 077 hereby declare that my names **"SHAIK IMTIYAZ" & "IMTHIYAZ PASHA"** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 15-12-2025 sworn before advocate and notary C. Sharada, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YOGITA KAMATH,** D/o Ajit Kamath, residing at Atharv Nivas, Site No. 2060, 2nd Floor, 16th Main Rd, AECS Layout-A Block, Singasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560068, have my name incorrectly spelled in my Indian Passport as **"YOGITA AJIT KAMATH".** My correct official name as per Aadhar and PAN is **"YOGITA KAMATH"** and must be considered so for all purposes vide affidavit dated: 18-12-2025 **DEVARAJA .E,** Advocate and Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) VIJAY KUMAR YADAVA,** No. 15685964N, Rank: Hav, Son of Laxmi Narayan Yadav, permanently residing at, Village-Majira, Post- Munari, Tehsil- Pindra, District-Varanasi, State- Uttar Pradesh, PIN - 221104, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VIJAY KUMAR YADAVA to (NEW NAME) VIJAY KUMAR YADAV** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SANDEEP RAGHUNATH,** Son of Raghunath, aged about 37 years, residing at No. 1443, 21 Cross, 4th Main, 7th Sector, near SBH, HSR Layout, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru- 560 102, I hereby declare that **Sandeep R Nath and Sandeep Raghunath** refer to one and the same person, i.e, myself, and there is no change in my identity. Swarn to Before me **Anitha Bai** Advocate & Notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJANA**, W/o. Shivaraj M, aged about 31 years, residing at No. 259/9, Anugraha Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Vidyanagara, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAMRINTAJ** (Old Name) to **SANJANA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 22.12.2025, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengauru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BALAJI VENKATACHALAIAH,** S/o T Venkatachalaiah, aged about 47 years, residing at No.46, Marasandra Harohalli, Ramanagar, Karnataka-562112, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BALAJI VENKATACHALAYYA** to **BALAJI VENKATACHALAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025, sworn to before A. Manjula, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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I, **MICHEAL THOMAS T, Residing at No. 04, Near Govt. School, G R Layout, Kereguddadahalli, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru -560090, Karnataka, have changed my name to MICHAEL THOMAS T vide affidavit dated: 19.12.2025 before notary Smt. A. MANJULA, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UMME KULSUM, Aged About 22 Years, Daughter of Mr. Afsar Pasha, & Mrs. Yasmin, Presently Residing at Old No.301, New No.62, 5th Cross, Near Masjid-E-Gulshan E Bhagdad, Umar Nagar, Govindapura, Arabic College Post, BANGALORE-560 045, hereby declare that my mother's names **"YASMEEN KHANUM" & "YASMEEN"** belongs to my mother's only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 16-12-2025 sworn before advocate and notary S.R. Nanjunda Swamy, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANISHA TAYAL W/o Rahul Tayal residing at B802, Vajram Tiara, Doddaballapur Main Road, Next To Village Mart, Avalahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064, have changed my minor daughter's name from **Reana Rahul Tayal** to **Reana Tayal,** vide affidavit dated 13/12/2025 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ANITA YADAV, mother of Army No. 15685964N, Rank: Hav, Name: Vijay Kumar Yadava, permanently residing at, Village-Majira, Post- Munari, Tehsil-Pindra, District- Varanasi, State- Uttar Pradesh, pin - 221104, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ANITA YADAV to (NEW NAME) ANITA DEVI and DOB from 01.07.1956 to 02.03.1958** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SANTOSH RAGHUNATH,** Son of Raghunath, aged about 38 years, residing at Flat No. F-204, Concorde Spring Medows, Bone Mill Stop. Hesarghatta Road, Chikkasandra. Chokkasandra, Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru 560 057. I hereby declare that **Santosh R Nath and Santosh Raghunath** refer to one and the same person, i.e, myself, and there is no change in my identity. Swarn to Before me **Anitha Bai** Advocate & Notary Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ALIKAPATI INDHU CHOWDARY**, D/o. A PRABHAKAR NAIDU, aged 23 years, residing at No. 18, Lihaans Castle, Second Floor, 7th A Cross, Manjunatha Nagar, Kalkere, Bengaluru-560016, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that **A INDHU CHOWDARY & AINDHU CHOWDARY & A INDHU CHOWDARY** etc. refer to one and the same person: **ALIKAPATI INDHU CHOWDARY,** vide affidavit dated 19.12.2025, sworn to before Uday Kumar .K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AYISHA HANBAL,** W/o. **Shekar Kallappa,** Residing at F.No-206, Rohan Enclave, Nanjunadaiah Layout, Near Canara Bank, Begur, Bengaluru -560068, have changed my name to **AYISHA H M (HANBAL MAYYUDDIN),** vide affidavit dated: 21/12/2025 Before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAGHAVACHARI ARAVAMUDHAN SRINIVASAN,** aged 55 years, S/o Late Aravamudhan Raghavachari, R/a K-301, Mantri Serenity, Dodda Kallasandra, Off Kanakapura Road, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560062, have changed my name to **SRINIVASAN ARAVAMUDHAN** vide affidavit dt. 20/12/2025 before Advocate & Notary **N. THULASI** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No. 2598061A Rank: EX HAV Name: IRAPPA MARAMBEED R/a No. 31, HARSSITHA, 1st Cross, Narayana School Road, Doddabettahali, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka Pin 560064 have changed my daughter name from **KRUPA** to **KRUPA IRAPPA MARAMBEED** vide Affidavit dated: 18.12.2025 before XXXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, (1) VASANTH KUMAR.J.R, S/o. Ranagaswamaiah, aged about 41 years, **(2) Smt. ANUSHA.S,** W/o. VASANTH KUMAR.J.R, aged about 31 years, both are residing at New No.35, Old No.59, Jetti Palya, Magadi Main Road, Kadabagere, Bengaluru-562 130, have changed our minor daughter's name from **AARNA V GOWDA** to **DURGA V.GOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 12/12/2025 sworn to before D S Chandrakanth Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KIRAN KUMAR, S/o Mangath Singh, Residing at Flat No.301, Site NO. 47, 1st Cross, Sapthagiri County, Kengeri Uttarahalli Main Road, Near BGS Circle, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore- 560060. I state that I have changed my Name from KIRAN KUMAR TO **M. KIRAN KUMAR** Vide affidavit dated 20/12/2025 Sworn before Notary, Ravi, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PARSAM SRINIVASA RAO,** father of NO.16127460H, SPR, PARSAM LEELA SAI KRISHNA, Residing at House NO.2-29, Yemineni Vari Palem, Arumbaka (Vill), Arumbake (Post), Bapatla (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522309, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PARSAM SRINIVASARAO** And **DOB** from **02.10.1971** to **01.01.1971** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Vasanth Kumar V A**, S/o. Ashwathaiaha M, Aged about 45 years, Father of V. Navaneeth Raj, Residing at Near Ganesha Temple, Veerananjeepura, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural, do hereby declare that, my son name appears as **Navneeth Raj,** in his Marks statement cum certificate of secondary school examination 2023 issued by central board of secondary education in the name my son **V Navaneeth Raj.** Hence I state and declare that, the said **V Navaneeth Raj** and **Navneeth Raj** referred to one and the same person, that is my son. I hereby declare that my son's correct name is **V Navaneeth Raj.** Vide affidavit dated 22.12.2025 sworn to before R. Lakshminarayana, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru (R) District.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVANI JAIN,** D/o. Achal Chand, C/o Bafna Clothing Company Pvt. Ltd, No. 5, 3rd Floor, Sudhamanagar, 1st Cross, Lalbhagh Road, B'lore-560027. I Declare that **SIDHI BAFANA, SIDHI JAIN** and **SHIVANI JAIN** are one and the same person only, In Future I shall be Known Only As SHIVANI JAIN vide Affidavit Dtd 17.02.2017 Sworn Before Notary: B. Chitra, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No. 2598061A Rank: EX HAV Name: IRAPPA MARAMBEED R/a No. 31, HARSSITHA, 1st Cross, Narayana School Road, Doddabettahali, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka Pin 560064 have changed my wife name from **SHARADHA** to **SHARADHA MARAMBEED** vide Affidavit dated: 18.12.2025 before XXXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Army No. 2598061A Rank: EX HAV Name: IRAPPA MARAMBEED R/a No. 31, HARSSITHA, 1st Cross, Narayana School Road, Doddabettahali, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka Pin 560064 have changed my daughter name from **KEERTHI** to **KEERTHI I MARAMBEED** vide Affidavit dated: 18.12.2025 before XXXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UMME SALMA, W/o. Shaik Shahul Hameed, aged about 35 years, residing at M.28, Kanaga Mansion, 11th Cross, Ayyappa Temple Street, Oil Mill Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru - 560084, have changed my name from **UMME SALMA MOHAMMED'** to **UMME SALMA,** vide affidavit dated 20/12/2025 Sworn to before G Dayananda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Kousalya Hegde (New Name), aged about 29 years w/o Srinivas Sunkadakatte Thimmaiah, residing at No. 11, Ashtagrama Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru North 560079, have changed my name from Kousalya Dinesh Hegde to **Kousalya Hegde** vide affidavit dated 16/12/2025 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru-10.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.JC-314166L, SUB, SIMHACHALAM VANA, Residing at House NO.157, Lingavalasa (Vill), Rana (Post), Julumuru (MD), Narasanna Pate (TK), Srikakulam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 532474, Have Changed My Name SON **(OLD NAME) VANA ABHISHEIK** to **(NEW NAME) VANA ABHISHEK** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GANGA KAMATAGI**, (DOB: 23.07.1993), Aged about 32 years, D/o. Mr. Shashikant, W/o. Mr. Rakesh Naragund, Residing at House No. 1418, Ward No. 7, Kamatagi Galli, Ainapur Post, Athani Taluk, Belagavi District, Karnataka - 591 303, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GANGA SHASHIKANT KAMATAGI** to **GANGA KAMATAGI** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2025 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANTHA KUMARI, W/o. Army No. 1346496N, Rank: Ex-Sapper Late Rathnam Bala resident of #328, 7th Cross, Bangaragiri and Idga Mohalla, DJ Halli, Bengaluru 560045, have changed my name from **SANTHAKUMARI** to **SANTHA KUMARI** vide Affidavit Dated: 20/12/2025 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KHUSHBOO GOEL**, W/o. of Mr. Ankur Goel, aged about 41 years, Permanent Address: Flat No.1607, 16th Floor, Sai World Empire Caesar CHSL, Sector 38, Kharghar Navi Mumbai-410210., residing at Flat No.E12, 12th Floor, Aspen Block, Regency Pinnacle Height Apartment, Rachenahalli, Thanisandra, Dr. SRK Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 077. have changed my name from **KHUSHBOO AGRAWAL to KHUSHBOO GOEL** vide affidavit dated 18/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary, I. Kanikha Raja, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BARSHA JHA** Spouse of Vibhash Kumar Jha resident of - Qtr No. 364/02, 7th Camp, Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560013, have changed my name from **BARSHA JHA** to **BARSHA KUMARI,** vide Affidavit Dated 20-12-2025 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH,** Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**DAIVIK DARBAR** R/at House of Hiranandani Club Meadows C-1802 Akshaya Nagar Begur Bangalore-560076 in Some Records my Parents Name Wrongly Mentioned as **PREMAL DARBAR** (Father old Name) and **DARSHANA DARBAR** (Mother old Name) My Parents Correct name is **PREMAL VIJAYKUMAR DARBAR** (Father New Name) and **DARSHANA PREMAL DARBAR** (Mother New Name) vide affidavit dated: 20/12/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Geetha Raghavan (New Name), aged about 74 years w/o late Muthuswamy Veeraraghavan residing at Riva Tata 19041, Tower 19, 4th Floor, Seshagirirao Paalya, Huskur Main Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Mathahalli, Bengaluru 562123, have changed my name from Geetha Veera Raghavan to **Geetha Raghavan** vide affidavit dated 16/12/2025 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru-10

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAHNAZ BEGUM** W/o Saleem, R/o No.30/1 1st floor, 1st Main Road, Hebbal Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560024, have permanently changed my name from **SHAHNAZ BEGUM** to **SHANAWAZ BEGUM** vide affidavit dated 20/12/2025 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **STEFFY MARIYAM JACOB**, (DOB: 11.02.1993), D/o. Mr. Jacob Mathew, W/o. Mr. Rincin Mathew, presently Residing at House No. 35, Sathyam Street, Behind Govt. School, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **STEFFY MARIYAM JACOB PARACKAMANNIL** to **STEFFY MARIYAM JACOB** vide affidavit dated 19.12.2025 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B TARUNA @ TARUNA, W/o. Rahul Sharma, Residing at No. 31, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru -560018, Karnataka, have changed my name to TARUNA SHARMA vide affidavit dated: 22.12.2025 before advocate and notary L. Shankaranarayana, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DHARMIK SHINDE, aged about 20 Years, Resident of F-3092, The Park Sobha Arena, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Jnana Sweekar School, Thalaghattapura, Thalagattapura Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560109, have changed my name to DHARMIK VIVEK SHINDE vide affidavit dated 22/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary, Mohammed Hussain .K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIDYASHANKAR MUNISWAMAIAH NAGESHWARA YOGI,** age 47 years, S/o. Muniswamaiah Nageshwara Yogi, R/at # 1146, Vanasuma, 14th Main, 8th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIDYASHANKAR** to **VIDYASHANKAR MUNISWAMAIAH NAGESHWARA YOGI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIDYASHANKAR MUNISWAMAIAH NAGESHWARA YOGI** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 22nd December 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K,** at Bangalore.

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"45 IS A MEDITATION ON EXISTENCE"

A SHARADHAA

Composer Arjun Janya's directorial debut, *45*, combines a unique group of cinematic talents: Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty. Produced by Ramesh Reddy under Suraj Productions, the film is set to be released on December 25. CE speaks with Shivarajkumar, Raj, and Upendra as they describe the film as a spiritual yet entertaining journey that explores life, death, and the human spirit.

SILENCE, STRENGTH, AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT: SHIVARAJKUMAR

Shivarajkumar's role in *45* is significant, and he shot the film during a crucial time in his life, right after being diagnosed with cancer. He describes the experience as both challenging and enlightening. "I was prepared. The first call I made was to my doctor, then to the producer and Arjun Janya. Everyone around me, my family, the industry, and the team helped me take on this role. I didn't want to neglect my commitments. I wanted this story to be told," he shares with quiet determination. His approach to the film was marked by a raw authenticity, and Shivarajkumar believes he truly embodied the character "Each actor has his own space. Silence conveys meaning as much as dialogue. Working with Upendra and Raj felt non-competitive. It was a jugalbandi of presence and energy. Every scene became a conversation, not a performance," says the veteran actor. His preparation and dedication were deeply connected to the film's serious themes. "This story is about life and death, about basic human strength. It entertains, yes, but it's also philosophical, a meditation on existence. Audiences will feel the depth. It's a journey through life itself." Shivarajkumar also suggests that this journey will truly finds its calling when the audience connects to it. "Arjun Janya has created a unique world where narrative, music, and performances come together into one experience," says the actor, who asserts that *45* will prioritise authenticity over the image of its actors. "The character isn't about heroism or glamour. It's about living in reality, reflecting the strength of women, daughters, mothers, and sisters. Portraying that is a privilege."

ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSEQUENCES: UPENDRA

Upendra sees *45* as a cinematic exploration of accountability and consequences. "Cinema has always served as a space for ideas. Even 35 years after Om, audiences still think about its impact. *45* will continue in that tradition. Life, death, choices, and human actions are interconnected, and every decision matters," he explains. He emphasises the responsibility inherent in performances. "Every actor is accountable for their role. There's no competition on set," says Upendra, who has high praise for Arjun Janya's direction. "He has an instinctive understanding of rhythm, emotion, and story. When he shared the script, I was convinced within ten minutes. Each scene and performance has a purpose. This precision creates a universe where choices and their consequences are felt, not just seen." He describes the film as a meditation on human behaviour. "Accountability is a part of life, and cinema can reflect that. *45* invites the audience to witness consequences unfold while reflecting on their own lives. The film is about responsibility, awareness, and living fully in the moment. Every decision, every action, has impact, and that makes *45* a humane and philosophical experience."

HUMANITY AND PRESENCE: RAJ B SHETTY

Raj describes working on 45 as a long and transformative experience. "It took time, but the film itself taught me a lot. I've never worked on a project of this scale or acted alongside such well-known stars. Shivarajkumar and Upendra are extremely professional. They never treated me as less experienced. Acting with them was easy. They create the right atmosphere," he explains. He plays an ordinary man trying to find his way in life. "Many viewers will connect with this character. That makes it personal for me. My role has important significance in the story." Raj contemplates life and death as central themes. "I asked myself whether life and death are the real characters in this film. Death isn't just an event. It's part of the narrative and the rhythm of the story," says Raj, who shares immense belief in Arjun Janya's vision. "Even if I directed this film, I doubt I could show the same curiosity, dedication, and honesty. He has committed years to ensure quality without compromise. The trailer speaks volumes; the film will elevate the experience even more." Stressing the importance of honesty in promotion, and painting a clear picture for the audience, Raj says , "You have to communicate what's in the film. Claiming things that aren't there feels wrong. This is cinema as a reflection of humanity."

Working with Mohanlal changed how I see cinema: Samarjit Lankesh

The one-film-old actor talks about his new pan-India spotlight and sharing the screen with the Malayalam superstar in the Nanda Kishore directorial

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SAMARJIT Lankesh, the son of filmmaker Indrajit Lankesh, started his journey with his father's film Gauri. However, his second film *Vrusshabha* throws him into a new pan-India spotlight. He also shares the screen with Malayalam superstar Mohanlal. Scheduled for release on December 25, the film delves into father-son relationships while challenging Samarjit in a large-scale project.

"To be in a star-driven film, it depends on how an actor stands out instead of being overshadowed," Samarjit says. "I always believed there is no big or small film, it's a film, and as an actor, I need to define myself. When director Nanda Kishore chose me, I wanted to give my best. The story focuses on a father-son bond, and for me, this was a chance to learn more than to spotlight myself."

Nanda Kishore discovered him through a dance number and selected scenes from his debut. "He believed I could handle the role. Working with Mohanlal completely changed how I see cinema. He never made me feel like a newcomer. On set, we discussed and explored the relationship between father and son. Honestly, I thought someone like him would be unapproachable, but he was warm, open, and generous with his time."

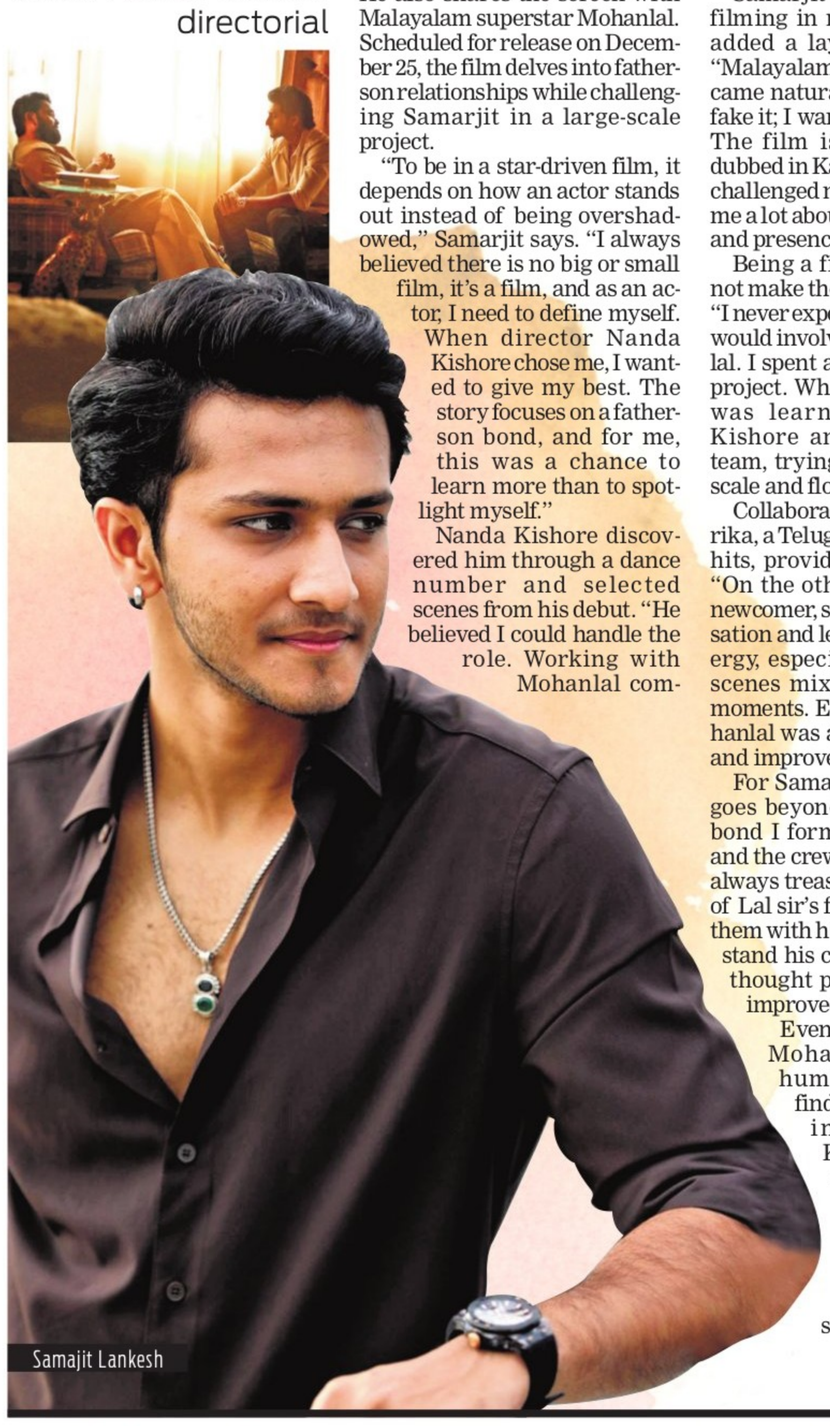
Samarjit acknowledges that filming in multiple languages added a layer of complexity. "Malayalam was tough; Telugu came naturally. I didn't want to fake it; I wanted to be authentic. The film is bilingual and is dubbed in Kannada and Hindi. It challenged me, but it also taught me a lot about rhythm, dialogue, and presence."

Being a filmmaker's son did not make the process any easier. "I never expected my second film would involve a star like Mohanlal. I spent a whole year on this project. When I wasn't on set, I was learning from Nanda Kishore and the production team, trying to understand the scale and flow of a big shoot."

Collaborating with Nayan Sarika, a Telugu actor with several hits, provided its own lessons. "On the other hand, I was the newcomer, so there was improvisation and learning to match energy, especially during action scenes mixed with emotional moments. Every day facing Mohanlal was a chance to discover and improve."

For Samarjit, the experience goes beyond just acting. "The bond I formed with Mohanlal and the crew is something I will always treasure. Watching most of Lal sir's films and discussing them with him helped me understand his craft in ways I never thought possible, which also improved my performance."

Even now, influenced by Mohanlal, he remains humble. "Cinema will find its audience. Working with Nanda Kishore made it comfortable. Everyone on set was kind and referred to me as 'the new kid on the block.' It was overwhelming," he says.



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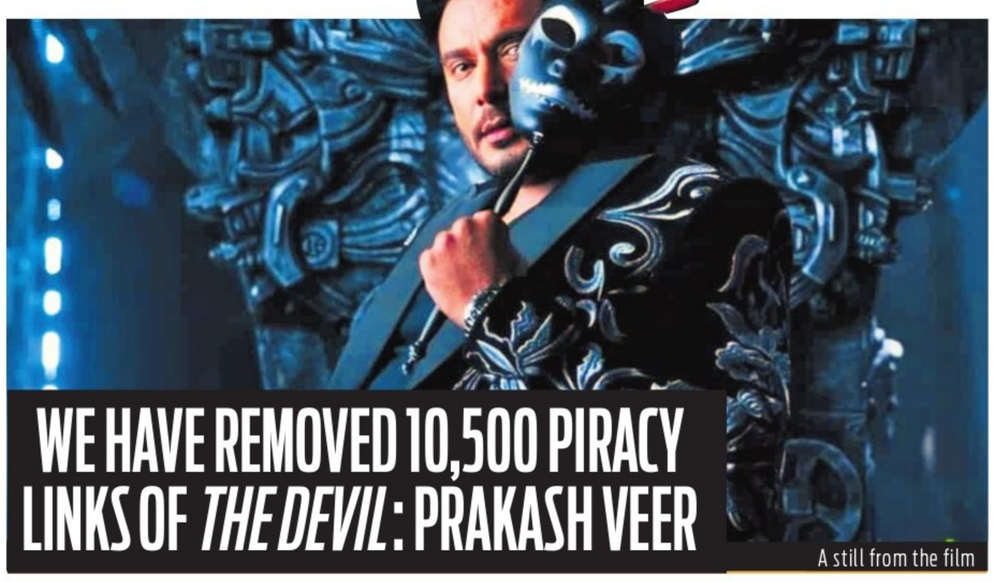

WE HAVE REMOVED 10,500 PIRACY LINKS OF *THE DEVIL*: PRAKASH VEER

A still from the film

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PRODUCER Prakash Veer's latest venture, The Devil, starring Darshan, has entered its second week, raking up a gross of over 35 crores. On the surface, it seems like another commercial success, but behind the scenes, the film has been fighting a far bigger battle: piracy.

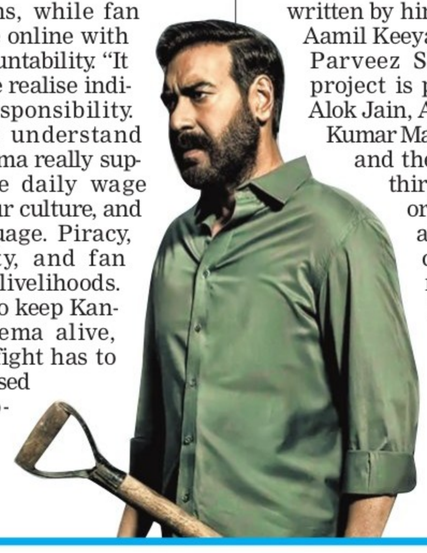
"Piracy has become *the devil* itself. Till today, we have removed around 10,500 piracy links. From what I hear, this is the highest in India. We had prepared to face piracy, but not at this volume. The impact of piracy on single screens has been massive. These are the audiences who truly connect with the film. I had an incident in Tiptur where a bus was screening The Devil. We complained, but the bus owner said it was a cleaner's mistake. These small things, unnoticed, are exactly what is killing cinema."

Prakash Veer

For Prakash, the stakes are deeply personal. "As a producer, all I want to say to the fan wars, to people making statements online, this is not healthy for the film, nor the industry. The negativity and conflicts don't just affect the film; they impact the producer, daily wage workers, technicians, and everyone who survives on cinema. When I was producing The Devil, I worked closely among these wage workers, and I came to understand that every piracy link, every negative post, is hitting them directly."

While Prakash faces piracy issues day in and day out, the film also struggled with censorship hurdles, with 33 cuts requiring approval from a revised committee in Mumbai, he revealed. "The censor process got stuck, creating doubts around the release on December 12. Multiple calls came in asking if the film would even make it to theatres. And once we released, the negativity didn't stop. We need to fight for good scripts, for meaningful cinema, yet nobody seems to see the bigger picture. Look at the bandwidth of our language. We are still asking people to save Kannada. But when a film struggles, the burden falls on us, on the small workers, on theatre owners."

Satellite and digital rights remain undervalued for Kannada films, while fan wars rage online with little accountability. "It is time we realise individual responsibility. We must understand what cinema really supports: the daily wage worker, our culture, and our language. Piracy, negativity, and fan wars kill livelihoods. We fight to keep Kannada cinema alive, and that fight has to be recognised and supported by everyone."



Ajay Devgn's *Drishyam 3* gets release date

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THE third instalment in the *Drishyam* franchise in Hindi has officially secured its release date. The makers announced on Monday that *Drishyam 3* will arrive in theatres on October 2, a date that has become closely tied to the series' intricate storyline. A promo, released by the makers on Monday, confirmed the release date and revealed that Ajay Devgn will reprise his much-loved role as Vijay Salgaonkar. Tabu, Shriya Saran, and Rajat Kapoor are also returning, alongside Ishita Dutta and Mrunal Jadhav, who play Vijay's daughters.

Drishyam 3 is helmed by Abhishek Pathak and is also written by him along with Aamil Keeyan Khan and Parveez Shaikh. The project is produced by Alok Jain, Ajit Andhare, Kumar Mangat Pathak, and the director. A third film in the original Malayalam franchise, starring Mohanlal, is also slated to release in 2026. The production for the film has been completed.

Nancy Meyers' next to star Kieran Culkin

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THE Intern director Nancy Meyers has announced that her film will next film will star Kieran Culkin in the lead. She made the announcement at a recent screening for *Father of the Bride* in Los Angeles. She added that the shoot for the new film will begin in May.

It is unclear whether the new project is *Paris Paramount*, a semi-autobiographical rom-com that she initially announced back in 2023. Culkin won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in last year's *A Real Pain*.

The actor is also best known for appearing in *Succession* and *Scott Pilgrim vs the World*.